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** ABKHAZIA. 9535 Abkhazia Radio. Almost daily is on the air 0400-approx 0505 (till 0455 under REE in Spanish) and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 0700-0800 in Abkhazian and 0800-0810 in Russian is Abkhaz Radio. Usually from 0810 for a couple of minutes is Avto Radio (Russian private FM radio) heard and close/down. Observed 15-22/8. More programs there are on MW 1350 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), Sept Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN. So we've installed a couple of 20 kVA voltage regulators in the household over the past few days. The voltage was varying between 170 and 203 volts and we all decided enough was enough. While Afghanistan has come a long way with the power utility, it is being sent down from Pakistan at 220,000 VAC and the sags get very bad. An Ozzie friend of mine who works mentoring the power utility has said they are installing reactors and capacitors along the lines for equalization, but it isn't helping many of the areas of Kabul. The difference is amazing with the regulators! I can actually sit and read without feeling like I am doing so by candlelight. Everything is much more stable. Just a few more days until my Thailand DXpedition! 73s from Kabul, (Al Muick, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFGHANISTAN. 1296, 25 AUG, 2202 UT, AFGHANISTAN (US), VoA (and the

rest of the propaganda stations), local BBG powerhouse here in Kabul with English news. No chance of hearing anything else on this channel unless transmitter goes off (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA. 549, 26 AUG, 2220 UT, Radio Algerienne Program 1 heard clearly in absence of Iranian audio and occasional carrier drop. Iran seemed to be having problems with its transmitter as power was varied all over the place, unless this Friday morning (Kabul time) is the equivalent of the Monday morning silent period back in the US (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. (INDIA) 4760, 25 AUG, 0131 UT, AIR Port Blair (presumed) heard in Hindi with subcontinental music. Only AIR station scheduled at this time as Delhi not on until 0215 UT. Good signal but heavy QRM from Tajik radio on 4765.

[Later:] This morning I reported a tentative logging of 4760 AIR Port Blair. I received an email from Alokesh Gupta in New Delhi stating that he was hearing AIR Leh and that Port Blair had faded out at his QTH by that time.

I was using the latest AOKI database which apparently erroneously lists New Delhi on 4760, whilst the older EIBI database lists Leh.

There was some fluttery fading on the signal which I heard which does not comport with the signal quality of other stations of mainland India which I hear, so I am momentarily at a loss. I will continue monitoring to see what I hear tomorrow, checking sign-on times and signal levels.

Thanks, Alokesh, for pointing out these things and I hope that we will shortly get to the bottom of this mystery! Best 73 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. 4760.01, 0000-0010 31.08, AIR Port Blair, Indian songs, weak and best in USB due to a severe utility noise station 21221 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. R·dio Nacional de Angola is being heard most evenings, generally on 4949.7. However on August 10 at 2356 they were on 4950 and seemingly only in AM/LSB as I couldn't detect an upper sideband. Time pips at midnight followed by what probably was the news. Poor

copy at only SINPO 23321. On August 20 at 2340 they were on 4949.7 with both sidebands audible, songs and a talk mentioning Luanda prior to time pips and R·dio Nacional identification, SINPO 24322. I have heard the station around 2340 on this frequency on other occasions (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, Sept World DX Club Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

4949.7, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 2204-2217, 14 Aug'10, Portuguese, phone-ins; \\ 1088 Mulenvos; 35231, fair modulation. Better on 19/8, 2150. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4949.74, R·dio Nacional, 2128, Portuguese, near local level with 'Carnivale' type of program; uptempo music with equal presentation by male announcer, who was putting listeners on-air. Full audio here but only a whisper on the much weaker 7217v. 21 August (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, Palstar MW550, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4949.8, R·dio Nacional de Angola (Mulenvos), 0406-0415, 8/28/2010, Portuguese. Talk by man. Announcements over pop music at 0407 followed by music. Poor but readable signal. Only the second occasion this year in which audio has been heard from them. Usually only a carrier is present (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20')), NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

4950, R. Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos. August, 31 2231-2243 male in Portuguese talks about sports, ID iR. Nacional de Angolaí, female announcements, slow music, Spanish romantic selections. 33433 (L·cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, DXLDYG via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA [non]. 6090, Caribbean Beacon missing again, Sept 1 at 0618; instead a het, one sounds Brazilian and the other likely Nigerian.

11775, CB still absent from its other frequency, Sept 1 at 1322 and 1400 chex (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6090/11775, University Network; 2214, 1-Sep; No sign of Dead Dr. Gene or Rev. Barbi on either frequency! (Harold Frodge, MI, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11775 still missing Sept 2 at 1245 and 1740 chex, and I believe 6090 was also absent around 0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Both still missing Sept 3; see ETHIOPIA (gh)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, Aug 24 at 1252, LRA36 carrier detectable (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Op 15476, 1456 UT, LRA36, R.N. Arc·ngel, Antarctica, Wight [?], weak SS songs, noisy. 73 (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, bdx mailing list via DXLD)

15476.0, LRA36 (presumed), 1502, August 25. LA pop songs; signal improving; audio ended 1507*, with carrier off at 1509; poor (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, Sept 1 at 1327 can make out some music, tho weaker than hetted 15480, Poland in Belarussian via Woofferton. 1403 still het between the 4-kHz-aparters.

15476, LRA36, Sept 2 at 1319 music JBA with 15480 het (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 6060, RAE, 1058, August 25. IDs and IS; pips; in Spanish; LA pop songs; fair with light QRM from China which was starting to fade in (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11710.28v, RAE, *0002, September 1. IDs for RAE and into Portuguese programming; 0057 IS; ToH pips; multi-language IDs; 0107 into Japanese. Drifted up to about .38.

15345.0, RAE, 2324, August 31. In Spanish with tango music; BoH pips; 2353 IS and multi-language IDs; 2357*. It's been a long time since I found them exactly on frequency (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2325, ABC Northern Territory Service, Tennant Creek, at 1132 with ABC news and sports report. // 2310 Alice Springs fair, 2485 Katherine poor. Fair, Aug 24 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening pre-dawn from my car. Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2310, VL8A Alice Springs, NT 1213-1230 Aug 24. YL host with guest YL musician (didn't catch her name) chatting about her music and played two of her songs. // 2325 and 2485, all three freqs at stunning level at 1215 peak, best reception of these in a long time (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, Radio Symban between 1122 and 1200, always with Greek music at checks. Poor, Aug 24 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening pre-dawn from my car. Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2368.5, Radio Symban, 0928-0945, 28-August-2010, Greek. 0928, Greek music w/male vocals. Signal: Poor to fair on peaks, checked back at 1030, still there w/fair signal strength (Ed Wlodarski, N2ED, New Jersey, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 9580 and 9590, RA, Sept 2 at 1257 just caught the conclusion of Phillip Adams' Late Night Live interview about commercial talk radio in Australia, with author of a new book, ``Changing Stations``. Here's the page about it:
<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/latenightlive/stories/2010/3000988.htm>

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Over a century before we had reality television and the internet and half a century before we had talkback radio, the scope for Australians to participate in media was enormous. Bridget Griffen-Jones tells the history of participatory media in Australia.

Guests --- Bridget Griffen-Foley [sic], Director of the Centre for Media History at Macquarie University; ARC Queen Elizabeth II Fellow; presenter of the 2010 Annual History Council Lecture and the Annual Henry Mayer Lecture 2010`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. TWO MORE SHORTWAVE TRANSMITTERS USED IN ECUADOR DESTINED FOR AUSTRALIA
Source: HCJB Global (written by John Adams and Harold Goerzen)

Two high-power HC100 (100,000-watt) shortwave radio transmitters designed and built at the HCJB Global Technology Center in Elkhart, Ind., have gone full circle.

After nearly 20 years of service in Ecuador, broadcasting the gospel around the world in more than a dozen languages, two of the units are back in Elkhart to be refurbished for HCJB Global-Australia's international broadcast facility in Kununurra.

These complex pieces of electronic equipment have broadcast the gospel of Jesus Christ from Quito for thousands of hours, said Dan Anderson, senior engineer at the center. Now that most Latin American radio listeners have switched to AM, FM and the Internet for Christian programming, these transmitters have been returned for refurbishment and redeployment to Australia.

The ministry shut down its shortwave site in Pifo, Ecuador, nearly a year ago, partly because of its proximity to Quito's new international airport and increased listenership to local stations and the Internet.

Both HC100s are destined for the site near Kununurra, a subtropical area near the northern tip of Western Australia. This is a popular tourism destinationóespecially during the annual dry season when the townís 7,000 population doublesóbecause of its rugged beauty and spectacular natural attractions.

With its sizzling red soil, bright blue skies and rugged bush scenery, itís just an incredible place,í said Dale Stagg, chief executive officer of HCJB Global-Australia. The thing is, you may be right in the middle of the Australian outback, yet youíre only a three-hour flight northeast of Perth, the capital of Western Australia.í

How will the large HC100s be shipped to their new location?
Obviously, sea freight gets them to Australia, and once theyíre on land itís a long-haul freight ride to Kununurra,í Stagg explained. Our previous two transmitters arrived via Perth and Melbourne followed by a road trip of days, not hours. But itís possible that the two HC100s now in Elkhart may arrive via the port of Darwin which will mean a short eight-hour ride to Kununurra.í

Transmissions have been emanating from HCJB Global-Australiaís interim broadcast facility on its 200-acre property since January 2003. Currently we operate two HC100 transmitters across three antennas, and that presents us with some restrictions,í Stagg said.

However, the Australian team is in the process of completing a new permanent facility on an adjacent property leased from the government of Western Australia.

The additional HC100s are part of this expansion òout the backí as we say. Once we have them installed, they will give us the luxury of operating three transmitters across seven antennas while having a òliveí fourth transmitter as a backup,í Stagg explained. Three transmitters will allow us to expand our broadcast hours and provide a stronger, more consistent signal along with the option of introducing digital shortwave (DRM).í

Regardless of the equipment used, the stationís task íremains the same,í Stagg related. We broadcast a message of hope in Christ to the people of the Asia Pacific Region. To reach those who have never heard and those who have limited access to the gospel is both our calling and our privilege.í (HCJB News Update Aug 23-27, 2010 via DXLD; also via John Wesley Smith, KCOHSB, DXLD)

** BELARUS. Re 2.3.2010 15:24, Mauricio kirjoitti: ``In recent times the signals from these small tx. has been quite good in the time frame of their regional program at 04.40 being the worst the Mogilev outlet

on 7235 followed by Brest-6010. The best signals comes from Brest-6070 and Grodno-7280. Grodno-6040 suffers strong QRM from V.O. Turkey until 04.58. The Mogilev tx. in 6190 is impossible due the QRM. This morning the reception of Mogilev-7235 has been better than usual with some moments of intelligible speech being one of this just at the end of the regional output but to my surprise I have heard a "Radio Stolitsa" id. So no regional program from Mogilev on SW?? (Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, Spain)``

Hi Mauricio, sorry for the late reply! I checked this today at 1500 and yes, while 6040 and 6070 kHz carried "Hrodnenskoye Oblastnoye Radio" and "Radio Brest" respectively, 7235 kHz carried "Radio Stolitsa" // 6080, 6115 and 279 kHz. I couldn't hear 6190 kHz. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, BCDX via DXLD)

Strongest outlet here 7280 kHz, (Wolfgang B.schel, Stuttgart, ibid.)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.97, Radio San Miguel, Spanish, 1050, good with Catholic mass. Slight CODAR QRM. 22 August.

4716.67, Radio Yura, 1106, tentative. talk by Spanish man but no ID or local references. Also, much weaker than San Miguel, peaking at only S9. 22 August (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, Palstar MW550, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BONAIRE. Dear Glenn, I heard on 29/8 The Netherlands Antilles, Bonaire, TWR on 800 khz, at 0502 UT. Program was in Spanish; you hear in the email file the national anthem. You know TWR are a Catholic program. I'm the first that TWR heard in Belgium on 800 kHz. Perseus SDR and supper Kaz antennas (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, Aug 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Maurits, Good catch. I recognize the tune, and it is the hymn ``Gott sei die Ehre`` also used by Family Radio as theme, but one could hear it on any Christian station. So not the national anthem, unless they picked the same melody for it. Also, TWR is not Catholic, but very, very Protestant. 73, (Glenn to Maurits, via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. FLEXIBILIZA«VO DA VOZ DO BRASIL

Flexibilizar o hor·rio de A Voz do Brasil ou atÈ extinguir o programa s„o propostas que surgem de tempos em tempos, mas sempre provocam muita polÍmica.

Pr· gente saber o motivo, gostaria de saber dos amigos Ouvintes das Ondas Curtas, o papel da voz do Brasil na atualidade, eu Danilo Nonato sou suspeito para falar do Programa pois gosto de ouvir a voz do

Brasil; estou preparando uma série que vai contar a história do Programa Voz do Brasil. Será veiculado no Blog <http://www.ondascurtas.blogspot.com> e também no Programa ONDA DX da Voz da Rússia. Eu defendo mudanças no Programa abertura para o cidadão. Acho interessante, pois tenho certeza que inclusive irá aumentar a audiência da Voz do Brasil, programa que é importante, pois não tem a parcialidade e tendenciosidade que a mídia privada possui. Circula informações importantes que, via de regra, são solenemente ignoradas pela grande imprensa. Portanto, acho muito interessante a flexibilização neste sentido, mas também entendo que o horário para início poderia ser até às 22h [UT -3/2]. Quando tenho oportunidade sempre escuto, pois tenho plena certeza e convicção que é um importantíssimo complemento informativo que me permite um maior discernimento na hora de decidir sobre alguma coisa. 73' (Danilo Nonato - Ouro Preto MG, Aug 30, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Caro Danilo, Desde criança sempre gostei da épica abertura. Eles infelizmente deram a ela um arranjo mais "moderno", fato que não aprovo nem um pouco, pois descaracteriza a composição original.

Também desde criança, sempre ouvi frases nos mais variados locais, tais como "Ah não!" "Que coisa chata", "Ninguém escuta a voz do Brasil", "Que m%#@" etc. Eu sempre curti e gosto até hoje de me informar através deles. Alguns programas são muito bons e completos, não existem outros semelhantes em demais órgãos de imprensa.

Um dos principais desafios para uma transmissão como esta é passar informações de forma neutra e equilibrada, sem se deixar levar pelas pressões de governo, pelas pautas tendenciosas que alguns podem tentar impor à população.

Sempre notei que uma única emissora em Belo Horizonte não transmitia a hora do Brasil às 19:00. Também não estou certo se o transmitia em horário diferente, pois tratava-se de uma emissora autorizada, agora não me lembro qual era.

Recentemente notei que a Rádio Itatiaia também passou a transmitir em horário diferente, de acordo com sua grade de transmissão: por exemplo, se ela transmite um clássico entre Atlético e Cruzeiro neste horário, eles então retransmitem em outro, geralmente bastante tarde, depois de dez ou onze horas da noite.

Não estou bem certo se é exatamente assim que ocorre, mas é o que pude notar esporadicamente ouvindo o rádio em FM. Também desconheço a lei que regulamenta esta transmissão, mas a ideia de flexibilização é polêmica.

Manter um horário fixo tem vantagens e desvantagens. Por exemplo:

aqueles operários que estão trabalhando no segundo ou terceiro turno de indústrias, dificilmente estarão escutando a Voz do Brasil. Ao saírem do trabalho já terão perdido este "complemento informativo", como você o chamou.

Manter um horário alternado também tem suas vantagens. Estes ouvintes que não conseguem acompanhar a transmissão teriam uma oportunidade para ouvir em outros horários, mas ficaria difícil para os ouvintes seguirem um padrão de escutas.

Hoje para ouvi-la, basta que se ligue o rádio às 19:00. Se houver uma flexibilização total, o ouvinte terá de recorrer aos sites das emissoras para saberem da programação e então, voltaremos ao ponto crucial: a internet ainda não é uma realidade para todos.

Se a flexibilização for parcial através de rodízio ou até mesmo preferencialmente sorteios de horários pré-definidos (variáveis talvez de ano para ano para cada emissora), talvez fosse mais fácil e proveitoso para todos. Abraços, (Rodrigo de Araujo, *ibid.*)

Meu amigo, parabéns. Realmente existe muita informação no programa "A Voz do Brasil". Ele não deve ser extinto.

Talvez mudança de horário ou flexibilização mas não como estavam fazendo recentemente; por falta de limiar, estavam retransmitindo às 4 horas da madrugada. Absurdo (Danilo Nonato? - Ouro Preto MG, *ibid.*)

** BRAZIL. 3325, R. Mundial, Osasco SP, 2221-2234, 14 Aug'10, talks, music, phone-ins; 15231, but much better on 19/8 at 2115, less static.

4974.8. R. Iguatemi, Osasco SP, 2145-2201, 19 Aug'10, stn phone-nr. info, talks, A Voz do Brasil at 2200; 34432, QRM splatter de B 4985, the same that often pests reception of Suriname's 4990. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4865.05, Unidentified, 1142, Portuguese, talk by man, poor with utt QRM, but partially readable in LSB. Possibly R. Verdes Florestas? 20 August.

4885.01, Rádio Clube do Pará, 2040, Portuguese, football commentary or similar, many mentions of "Brasil." Absolutely blown-away to hear this in my local morning, which is very rare. 21 August.

4914.95, Rdif. Macapá, 2056, Portuguese, presumed with reverb commentary by M (perhaps soccer), too weak for ID. 21 August.

4985, Rádio Brasil Central, 2105, Portuguese, fading up with news or similar by M (didn't sound like soccer commentary). 21 August.

This rare local morning opening to Brazil may have been an off-shoot of a fantastic opening to Africa, at the same time. While already in progress at 2040, all of the Brazilians were gone by 2115 (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, Palstar MW550, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 4915, R·dio Daqui, !!!, 2110-2130, 28-08, locutor, portuguÈs, muchas identificaciones: "A R·dio Daqui", "Radio Daqui, 11830", "Jornal Daqui", anuncios comerciales.

Interferencia de Radiodifusora Macap· en la misma frecuencia, tambiÈn con identificaciones: "Radiodifusora Macap·". Radio Daqui, parece nueva en esta frecuencia y luego de que cierra en su frecuencia habitual de 11830. Al dña siguiente, al amanecer, sÙlo se escuchaba en 4915, Radiodifusora Macap·. 23322. (MÈndez)

4915, Radiodifusora Macap·, Macap·, 0447-0610, 29-08, locutor: "Radiodifusora informa a hora, 2 horas 3 minutos", canciones brasileòas, "Radiodifusora AM, a sua radio", "Radiodifusora AM, 4915 kHz, onda tropical, Radiodifusora Macap·, a sua voz". 24322. (MÈndez)

11804.9, Super Radio Deus È Amor, Rio de Janeiro, 2044-2110, 28-08, portuguÈs, comentario religioso, canciones religiosas, "Na capital paulista, 17 horas 47 minutos, Pastor David Miranda". En paralelo con 11765. Parece que llevaba bastante tiempo fuera del aire en esta frecuencia. 23322. (MÈndez, WORLD OF RADIO 1528) more about this below

11830, Radio Daqui, Goi,nia, 2030-2058*, 28-08, locutor, anuncios comerciales, portuguÈs, identificaciÙn: "Temperatura en Goi,nia 33j, Radio Daqui", canciones brasileòas. Cierre a las 2058. 45444 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Espaòa, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4925.23, 0150-0202* 29.08, R EducaÁ,,o Rural, TefÈ, AM, Portuguese ann by man and woman, hymns by choir, closing ann and transmitter immediately off, 35333 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Off-frequency should help distinguish it from other Brazilian (gh)

** BRAZIL [and non]. R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia en 6185 el 28 de agosto escuchada a las 2355 UT con seòal algo distorsionada; por instantes la voz de una locutora en espaòol (øRadio EducaciÙn?). A las 0000 UT boletìn noticioso, escuchada en MÈrida, Yucat·n. Envío archivo

de audio. øRNA again in 6185 kHz? Talking and news, suddenly female voice in Spanish øRadio Educacin?
<http://rapidshare.com/files/416043704/SW6185KHZ-28AG02010-2357UTC.WAV>
(IngCiv. Israel Gonzlez Ahumada, M.I. Aug 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. [see also above] 11805, SRDA (Super Rdio Deus  Amor), Rio de Janeiro, 2140 UT, August 25, reactivated. Week signal heard here in the middle of Europe but clearly in parallel to 11765. Exact frequency: 11804.99 kHz. "A Voz do Brasil" relay at 2200 but covered by VoA. This frequency (ex Rdio Globo) was inactive for about one year(?). Have been trying it many times but not even a carrier detected (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

I can hear it, Karel, frequency is 11804.98 at 2115 UT. Male talks like a priest, noisy but fair (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, bdx via DXLD)

11805, R. Novo Milnio (actual name?!, not SRDA?), Rio de Jan.] RJ, 2129-2151, 31 Aug'10, IPDA program, // SRDA frequencies, A Voz do Brasil at 2200; 24432, adjacent QRM, deteriorating till becoming barely audible at 2145, stronger adjacent QRM at 2200. Check <http://br.groups.yahoo.com/group/radioescutas/message/57147>

I'm actually listening to it as I compile this end August report, and no ID heard whatsoever, just plain IPDA propaganda parallel to their other outlets; also audible end afternoon today, with the same menu. 73, (Carlos Gonlves, PORTUGAL, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Quick check of 25m Aug 24 at 0515 found: 11815 RBC best, 11765 SRDA weaker, 11895 a het probably LBV vs Kashgar? Nothing on 11925v Bandeirantes. Also 12175 something vs CODAR, presumably the 11765 spur at 410 kHz, and also trace of it on 11355 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 12175, 11355, Super Radio Deus  Amor, 2315-2335, August 28, unstable, distorted spurs from 11765 with Portuguese preacher. Spurs +/- 410 kHz away from 11765. Very distorted in SSB. Much better in AM mode. 12175 very strong. 11355 very weak. // 6060 - poor with co-channel QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL. NEW RADIO SW BRASIL 15150 KHZ --- Hello Glenn! Monitor the frequency 15150 kHz on 19 meters. There is a station that reactivated the transmitter. I suspect that it is Radio Tupi this QRG which operated until the early 1990s. I live here in southern Brazil near Uruguay and I caught this signal Sunday with country songs, university of our country and advertisements of the Federal Government of Brazil,

beyond the dissemination of research for president here in Brazil.

Heard throughout Sunday afternoon (14 to 20 UT), despite being near about 700 km south of Brazil, spread bad for this track, it must operate with little power, something like 2 kW, and two adjacent channels, 10 kHz positive and negative that come very strong when they enter the air at any given time. I will continue to monitor and warn colleagues in DXCB Brazil. 73s (...dison Bocorny Jr., Novo Hamburgo, RS Brazil, Sept 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [non]. Special DRM transmissions to Brazil today

There will be a special DRM transmission from Bonaire to Brazil today, 31 August, in connection with the MOMAG 2010 Congress in Vila Velha. The schedule is as follows:

- * 1100-1300 UTC 15745 kHz
- * 1300-1500 UTC 17525 kHz

DRM transmission details:

- * Power: 120 kW DRM
- * Antenna: AHRS 4/4/1
- * Azimuth: 133 degrees

Modulation:

- * 1100-1400 UTC = RNW Spanish
- * 1400-1500 UTC = RNW Portuguese

Technical details:

- * Mode B
- * MDC: 64 QAM
- * SQD: 16 QAM
- * Long Interleaver: 2 sec
- * Bandwidth: 10 kHz
- * Audiocodec: AAC + SBR
- * Bitrate: 17.5 kbps
- * Mono
- * Code Rate: 0.5
- * Equal Error Protection
- * DRM Service Label: Radio Nederland
- * Programme Type: News
- * Service Language: Espanol / Portugues
- * Country of Origin: The Netherlands
- * DRM Text Message: Special DRM transmission for the MOMAG 2010

Congress in Vila Velha broadcast from Bonaire, Antilhas Holandesas.

There are also special transmissions to Brazil today by TDF from MontsinÈry at 1100-1600 UT on 15315 kHz, and by DW from Sines at 1300-1600 on 21740 kHz.

(Source: RNW Programme Distribution/DRM Software Radio Forums) August 31st, 2010 - 10:45 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** CANADA. CHSC still broadcasting --- Despite being ordered off the air August 31, 2010, CHSC is still broadcasting Italian pop music towards Toronto at 3:24 pm Eastern [1924 UT] Sept 1, 2010. Occasional IDs of CHSC; more often as Radio Uno. They never paid attention to the CRTC before; why start now? (Fred Waterer, Ont., Sept 1, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

1220 CHSC GETS STAY TO APPEAL --- Just off the phone with CRTC media relations. CHSC owner Pellpropco filed a motion Aug 25 with the Federal Court of Appeal and a stay to appeal was granted Aug 31. CHSC is therefore on the air legally for the time being, I would expect at least until the appeal is heard and/or ruled upon. I've asked for clarification and further information in terms of time lines and will report back if and when I hear anything (Saul Chernos, Ont., Sept 1, AMFMTVDX mailing list via DXLD)

** CANADA. A LOT OF STUFF PETER GZOWSKI JUST MADE UP

A new biography sets the record straight about many of the CBC radio legends' stories --- by Brian Bethune on Monday, August 23, 2010 3:40pm - 25 Comments --- Bryce Duffy/CORBIS/ Richard Pierre [caption]

In the last two decades of the 20th century, Peter Gzowski was as close to a Captain Canada as this country has ever seen. He had his loud detractors, to be sure, and many more who simply wouldn't have recognized their Canada in his radio universe. But the 350,000 Canadians (and thousands of Americans) who tuned in to CBC's Morningside every weekday from 1982 to 1997 were enthralled. The everyman hemming and hawing, the hesitant delivery of perceptive questions, the boyish enthusiasm and curiosity whether addressed to the world yodelling champ (a Canadian, naturally), Leonard Cohen or a prime minister drew them into Gzowski's richly imagined nation. One fan named her dog Gzowski, while others wrote the host letters about deeply personal matters (How are you? Last time I wrote I was just getting over that awful miscarriage) or lamenting that his retirement would mean the end of the glue holding Canada together.

Back then, Rae Fleming was one of those listeners. A grad student caring for a dying parent, isolated in a tiny Ontario town, he used to silently thank Gzowski every morning at 9:12 for saving my sanity.

Now the author of Peter Gzowski: A Biography, Fleming has a more nuanced view of the show and of the man. I thought Gzowski was near-perfect and Morningside the epitome of Canada, Fleming says in an

interview. It was an enchanting country he presented. I know now it was a rather narrow portrait that the show missed things starting to bubble up, notably Western alienation but it was an attractive one, the image of how we wanted to be. It was like Ronald Reagan on radio. . . . [more]

<http://www2.macleans.ca/2010/08/23/a-lot-of-stuff-peter-gzowski-just-made-up/>
(via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** CHAD. 6165. RD Nationale Tchadienne, Gredia, 2217-2230*, 12 Aug'10, French, African pops program, s/off announcements at 2228 followed by the national anthem; 54433, adjacent QRM de CRI in Portuguese on 6175 via Euro-relay. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

N'Djamena, Chad is back on 6165 during the evening. First noted with national anthem at 2230 on August 13. At 2158 August 19 I heard the distinctive balafon interval signal followed by a talk, closing announcements including an identification and the national anthem heard at 2227 recheck. SINPO 33433. Radio Tirana is on the frequency at 2100 prior to which Hrvatski Radio is on 6164.5 (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, Sept World DX Club Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

6165, RNT, *0429-0445+, August 28, sign on with about 15 seconds of Balafon IS and into National Anthem. French talk at 0430. Afro-pop music at 0433. Weak. Poor.

6165, RNT, 2210-2300*, August 28, French talk. Afro-pop music. African hi-life music. Sign off with National Anthem. Fair. Apparently Chad signs off at 2300 on Saturdays and at 2230 on the other days (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX Listening Digest)

7120 RD. Natle. Tchadienne, Gredia. I was asked to see if they were using this; well, no signal whatsoever, just on 6165. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 1359, 25 AUG, 2145 UT, CNR1, talks in presumed Mandarin between male and female announcer with occasional chimes breaking up the talk. Fighting with co-channel Iran for supremacy. Family Radio from Taiwan (250 kW) in Tagalog heard underneath it all in quiet moments (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Sabato 21 agosto 2010, 1014 - 13970 kHz, FIREDRAKE vs. Sound of Hope Taiwan, Segnale insufficiente-sufficiente. No other FDs today at this time (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

CHINA/TADJIKISTAN, 15635, On IBB Mandarin service heard a single Firedrake music jammer 15635 kHz only against/ahead of co-channel Dushanbe relay, all other \\ channels suffered only by spoken national radio echo type relay: 13760SAI, 15120TIN, 15615TIN, 17615TIN, 17880SAI, 21550TIN, 21690TIN (Wolfgang B.schel, Aug 21, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews via DXLD) Time missing

CHINA/TINIAN, 15120, Both CRI Beijing in English at 0428 UT Aug 23, S=9+20dB, ahead of co-channel IBB Mandarin via Tinian site underneath. ID at 0429 UT. Announcement to download CRI programs from CRI website, URL and e-mail address given. At 0430 UT Aug 23 Frontline program with news from real China started as weekly feature program (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 23 via DXLD)

16100, CHINA, Firedrake, 0020Z, strongest signal of Firedrake I've ever had here. No sign at all of any target, presume Sound of Hope. 8/24 (Rich Barton, AZ, ABDX via DXLD)

** CHINA. Firedrake Aug 24:
8400, JBA at 1247; nothing on 10500 until:
10500, very poor at 1405
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake activity August 25, with scan from 7200 through 18000, from 0920 to 0941; all //; 8400, 11500, 13680 and 13970 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Aug 25:
10500, JBA at 1244
(Glenn Hauser, NM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EAST JAMMERSTAN: 15140 Crash & Bang CC Music Jammer; *1414:40, 26-Aug; Not clear who they are jamming. Was listening to chanting to see if it was Oman. The chanting wasn't Koranic; more like what you hear from the Catholics. Jammer S3-5 beating out the chanting (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Sound of Hope on 15140 (gh)

** CHINA [and non]. Venerdĭ 27 agosto 2010, 1510 - 15185 kHz, CNR 1 vs. VOA Uzbek (heard), Segnali buoni (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 8400, Firedrake, -1500* *1514-, August 27. During their time off after ToH, seemed to be SOH with weak signal; mostly talking with short EZL/religious sounding musical breaks (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINA/ARMENIA/OMAN/THAILAND/U.K. 11995, BBC London Nakhon Sawan in

Uzbek 1600-1630 UT Aug 27 suffered hefty by China mainland echo talk jamming. S=9+20dB.

\\ 11600 from Gavar-ARM two echo talk jammer, only S=8-9. 136300MA relay echo tx tremendous powerhouse S=9+40dB, probably from Urumchi or Kashi sites in West China. 17630 kHz Rampisham relay, two echo talk jammer of S=9+10dB (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

CHINA/TINIAN, BC-Stoerer 21410 kHz. Ich moechte eine Intruder-Meldung abgeben: Um 0420 UT stellte ich auf 21410 kHz ein Mischprodukt zweier chinesischer Rundfunksender auf 21550 und 21690 kHz fest. Beide Sender haben den gleichen Modulationsinhalt (Sprache/Musik chinesisch). Das zugehoerige weitere IM3-Produkt befindet sich auf 21830 kHz. Beide Stoerprodukte haben einen Abstand von ca. 40dBc zu den Nutzsignalen. (Hans, DL8MCG, Aug 25, via B_schel, DXLD)

Ich werde in den naechsten Tagen ebenfalls die QRG 21410 kHz beobachten. Mal sehen, ob das Sender-IM3 wieder kommt. Ich schaue einfach nach den beiden QRGs 21550 und 21690, ob sie da sind ... Rein rechnerisch ist bei den beiden QRGs 21550 und 21690 kHz diese IM3 moeglich:

$21550 \times 2 = 43100$ minus $21690 = 21410$ kHz (Uli, DJ9KR Aug 25
<www.iarums-r1.org> <www.iaru-r1.org>, ibid.)

Das sind die chinesischen Stoersender, mit einem Wort-Jammingprogramm gegen US Radio Free Asia Station in Mandarin um 0300-0600 UTC. Gegenstand des Jammings sind die RFA Sender aus Tinian - Mariana Islands im Pazifik. Das fuers Jamming benutzte Programm ist ein chines. Inlandsdienst-Domestic Programm.

21830 und 21410 kHz sind symmetrische Intermodulationen vom gleichen Standort, wie Uli korrekt berechnete.

US RFA Mandarin

0300-0600 13760SAI, 15120TIN, 15615TIN, 15635TJK

17615TIN, 17880SAI, 21550TIN, 21690TIN

SAIPAN - Marianen; Dushanbe - Tadjikistan; TINIAN - Marianen. 73

(wolfgang df5sx, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Aug 30:

8400, JBA at 1319; could not be sure it was FD music

(Glenn Hauser, NM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Aug 31:

10500, poor at 1225

(Glenn Hauser, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140 // 16100, Firedrake, 0045, September 1; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Sept 1:

10500, poor at 1321, gone at 1401

15140, fair at 1328 // 10500, and both also past 1332

No others heard 9-19 MHz.

15520 VP in Chinese with het Sept 1 at 1326, then het goes off; no doubt CNR1 jamming vs V of Tibet 15521v via Tajikistan. At 1351 now hear Chinese with motorboating noise, no het but // 15265 CNR1 jammer against Taiwan, an echo apart from it.

13825, at 1356 Sept 1, CNR1 where I have not heard it before, as R. Marti 13820 was unusually weak. Nothing at all listed at any time on 13825 by Aoki, EiBi or HFCC, so vacuum probably insucked Sound of Hope and the jamming.

Firedrake Sept 2:

9380, poor at 1229, with stronger CW QRM sending numbers only (not cut numbers = letters), CUBA? But that went off at 1230 while FD continued 10500, fair at 1232 // 9380; 1318 both gone

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Re 10-34: Phony Reception Reports from China --- Hi Glenn, Interestingly, your friend Zhang Tao from Yangzhou City, Jiangsu Province, CHINA has on seven occasions recently sent an identical report (complete with blank spaces filled with question marks) to radio six international. And we're not even on shortwave at the moment. He must have a heck of a good radio!! (TONY CURRIE, Director of programmes, Radio Six International, Glasgow, Scotland, <http://www.radiosix.com> Aug 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Clandestine, 5897.98, 0803-11+ Noted a female in 5 figure Spanish groups. For example 6.886 40.50 300.. 5.583 ...4 6652. 505.6 0600. 02106 12530 9.6..1 5.01. 06025 2.... Signal was fair with crashes knocking a holes in the copy. The message is rather long, still going on at 0810. At 0815 the female repeats the message. (Chuck Bolland, August 30, 2010, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. Radio Havana Cuba Relay-RHC, 13760, 0334 GMT, Spanish, 333, Aug 22, OM with comments. Mixing with OM with comments from the Voice of Korea-VOK in French (Stewart Mackenzie, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC abandoned 13760 many months ago. I've yet to hear it there again, but possibly it could be back. Per Aoki, the other station on 13760 at

this time is R Free Asia in Chinese via Saipan (gh, DXLD)

Both RHC frequencies 15360 and 15380, Sept 1 at 1327 have CCI, worse on 15380 with Qur'an from HQS Riyadh, but I can't find anything else listed on 15360 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. EE.UU: PEDRO ROIG RENUNCIA A LA DIRECCI" N DE RADIO/TV MART" --- POR JUAN O. TAMAYO / EL NUEVO HERALD

Pedro Roig, director de Radio/TV Mart" renunci" el viernes tras m"s de siete a"os al frente de las emisoras del gobierno de Estados Unidos que transmiten a Cuba.

"Ciertamente que hemos conseguido los objetivos de suministrar las noticias y la informaci"n que el r"gimen comunista le niega al pueblo de Cuba'', escribi" Roig, un abogado de 69 a"os, en su carta de renuncia.

Las dos estaciones han gastado un estimado de \$500 millones transmitiendo programaci"n de noticias y entretenimiento a Cuba pero han enfrentado quejas de poca audiencia, amiguismo y un periodismo prejuiciado.

Roig no estuvo disponible para comentar el viernes, y no se sab"a qui"n pudiera sustituirlo, aunque se report" que varios candidatos estaban buscando apoyo de terceras partes.

"Por la presente estoy sometiendo mi renuncia al cargo de Director de la Oficina de Transmisiones a Cuba (OCB), efectiva el 1ro. de septiembre del 2010 o a la conveniencia de la Junta'', escribi" Roig a sus supervisores.

La carta de Roig menciona una serie de logros de las emisoras, desde aumentar la fuerza de la se"al de Radio Mart" hasta la modernizaci"n de los respectivos sitios de internet y la ampliaci"n de capacidades de transmisi"n por avi"n y sat"lite para las transmisiones por televisi"n.

Una encuesta realizada de abril a mayo entre cubanos que se hallaban en sus primeros seis meses de llegada a Estados Unidos, mostraba que 43 por ciento dijo haber escuchado a Radio Mart" y 6.5 por ciento dijo haber visto TV Mart", a"adi" la carta.

La carta estaba dirigida a Walter Isaacson, presidente de la Junta de Gobernadores de Transmisiones, la agencia que supervisa las transmisiones internacionales del gobierno estadounidense, como la Voz de las Am"ricas (VOA).

Su renuncia se produce una semana despu  s de que el periodista Rui Ferreira escribiera en su blog Herej  as y Caipirinhas que Roig hab  a sido despedido.

Roig lo neg   tajantemente pero, en privado, reconoci   estar agotado con el trabajo y las presiones sobre el presupuesto de las estaciones.

Las dos estaciones han sido controversiales desde su fundaci  n --la radio, en 1983 y la televisi  n, en 1990-- con el prop  sito de quebrar el monopolio del r  gimen cubano sobre las noticias en la isla.

Cuba interfiere las transmisiones de TV Mart   por aire pero la estaci  n tambi  n transmite por sat  lite, y la radio transmite en AM as   como en frecuencias de onda corta.

En mayo, varios senadores dem  cratas aconsejaron trasladar las oficinas de Miami a Washington y que sus operaciones se fundieran con la VOA debido a su escasa audiencia en la isla.

"Es decepcionante que, tras 18 a  os, Radio y TV Mart   no hayan podido penetrar significativamente en la sociedad cubana o influir en el gobierno cubano'', afirm   el senador John Kerry, presidente de la Comisi  n de Relaciones Exteriores del Senado.

El a  o pasado, un grupo de importantes disidentes cubanos envi   una carta a Washington criticando la programaci  n de la estaci  n y quej  ndose de que no se estuviera cubriendo suficientemente bien las actividades de la oposici  n en la isla.

"Nosotros esperamos que se haga un an  lisis de todo lo que ha sucedido porque la programaci  n es tan mala y tan poco interesante para el pueblo cubano que nadie la escucha'', afirm   el disidente Vladimiro Roca durante una entrevista telef  nica con El Nuevo Herald.

La Fundaci  n Nacional Cubano Americana tambi  n critic   las estaciones este a  o, alegando que la audiencia hab  a disminuido debido a la mala calidad de la programaci  n.

Desde hace tiempo, miembros del Congreso cr  ticos de las transmisiones han estado tratando de rebajar el presupuesto de las emisoras y, en agosto del a  o pasado, Roig recort   35 empleos, o 22 por ciento de su personal. Unos 20 empleados fueron despedidos y los otros fueron salidas voluntarias y puestos vacantes.

Un informe del Congreso publicado en el 2009, y basado en una encuesta hecha por tel  fono desde Estados Unidos, indic   que menos del 1 por ciento de los cubanos escuchaba o ve  a las transmisiones.

Roig respondi  que los cubanos tem an demasiado al gobierno para hablar abiertamente por tel fono sobre lo que o an cuando esto implicaba a emisoras de Estados Unidos.

A trav s de los a os, varios reportes del Congreso tambi n se han quejado de que las estaciones no se adher an a los est ndares period sticos de Estados Unidos o la VOA y que sus transmisiones eran demasiado pol ticas.

Los funcionarios de la estaci n tambi n han sido acusados de amiguismo. Jos  Miranda, un ex director de programaci n, fue condenado a dos a os de prisi n en el 2007 por cargos de haber recibido sobornos de una compa  a de producci n de televisi n a cambio de contratos con TV Mart .

Pero un informe del 2007 de la Oficina del Inspector General del Departamento de Estado afirm  que hab a pruebas anecd ticas de que la audiencia estaba creciendo y calific  a Roig como "el director m s efectivo de la estaci n" en su historia reciente.

La carta de Roig agradece a los miembros cubanoamericanos del Congreso su firme apoyo a las operaciones de la estaci n, incluyendo al dem crata Robert Men ndez, y a los republicanos Lincoln y Mario Diaz-Balart, Ileana Ros Lehtinen y Albio Sires.

"Han luchado por la misi n de Radio y TV Mart  con total devoci n", escribi .

Al observar que hab a llegado a Estados Unidos en 1960 "como un joven exiliado de Cuba", Roig escribi  en su carta que estaba "orgulloso de haber servido al pueblo americano".

"Espero que mis esfuerzos en Radio y TV Mart  hayan ayudado a promover la causa de la libertad en mi querida Cuba", precis .

Fuente: <http://bit.ly/cfbuwn>
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Aug 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

English version:
<http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/08/28/1796077/radiotv-marti-boss-resigns.html#ixzz0xtI9ARFt>
(via Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** CYPRUS. CYPRUS, BBC - British East Mediterranean Relay Station in English, 13675, stamped but unsigned n/d card stating "This is to verify your QSL report," by airmail in 21 days for English report (10 June 2010) & self-addressed envelope by airmail. I also included other items such as SWL card & ready-made QSL, which were not returned, and

\$3 U.S. which was returned. Two apparent valid addresses included for BEMRS, including POB 54912, CY (4-digit number unreadable), Limassol, Cyprus, and Zygi, Larnaca 7739, Cyprus (Bruce Jensen, CA, Aug 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CZECHIA. Radio Prague Mailbox August 15 said that they broadcast in DRM twice a week in English and German via Rampisham between 2006 and 2009. However, due to the budget cuts earlier this year, the broadcasts were discontinued and there are no plans at the moment to reinstate them (Jonathan Murphy, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** DJIBOUTI. 1431, 25 AUG, 2124 UT, DJIBOUTI (US), Radio Sawa with talks. // 1548. Poor signal level, but at this time of night, the only player on the channel (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, 26 AUG, 2004 UT, RTV Djibouti with local music and Arabic talks. Several French words thrown in for spice when the Arabic didn't have enough flavor. Good signals with a fluttery propagation.

That's all for tonight. I will try to pick up with more tomorrow. I have to get some rack time, as I have some work to do on my day off. Best 73 to all! (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025.07, Radio Amanecer Internacional, 0305-0330 August 28, Spanish Christian music. Spanish religious talk. Weak. Poor. Difficult copy due to adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ECUADOR. After a long absence I noted La Voz del Napo for the first time this year on August 21 at 0223 on 3279.8. The station came out of the background noise at the right time and heard music, announcements, time check and identification before more music. SINPO 24322. The station was inaudible 15 minutes earlier (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, Sept World DX Club Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** ECUADOR, 3810, Estaci n de se ales horarias HD2I0A, Guayaquil, 0516-0526, 29-08, se ales horarias, voz de hombre: "Al oir el tono ser n cero horas, diecisiete minutos, cero segundos. 14321 (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Espa a, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 612, 26 AUG, 2231 UT, ERTU Voice of the Arabs with male and female announcers and Arabic music. Very good signals with minimal fade. 1000 kW (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m

Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Hi Glenn, I was listening to Radio Cairo on 29 August 2010 at 0225 hours UTC on 6270 kHz. A female station identification was heard: iYou are listening to Radio Cairo's North American Service. We hope you are hearing us loud and clear.î Unfortunately, the audio output was audible at an extremely low level to register an S9+30 dB level on my R8A + longwire antenna. The audio issue is something that has been reported to Radio Cairo and mentioned on several occasions in DXLD. I must assume that this ongoing issue has been chosen to not be addressed, which is unfortunate because they have some excellent programming (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, Aug 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, Radio Africa (presumed); 2147-2202+, 25-Aug; English Bible huxter to just past 2300 & right into another w/o ID (Has anyone ever heard an ID from these folks? [yes, but rarely --- gh]). SIO=453- with muddled audio; QRM at 2200 by Family Radio s/on w/ID/IS into non-English program.

15190, Radio Africa (presumed); *1419:21, 26-Aug; On abruptly in mid-huxter, a shouter. No ID, intro, or anything. OC came on only a couple seconds earlier. SIO=252 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. [Re 10-34] Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea heard on new 9710 1600-1648 August 18 parallel to 7140 and 7165 (Mikhail Timofeyev, Russia, Dxplorer via Wolfgang Bueschel, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

They have been operating close to Ethiopian frequencies to prevent the Ethiopians from jamming their broadcasts (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, ibid.)

9710 Eritrea. // 7150, 7175, ex 9715 (noted first time on 28/6 when Saudi Arabia's Holy Quran was not on the air for 1 or 2 weeks - whether it was concerted between both radios?) carriers at 0350, IS on all three freqs from 0355 and ID and news in Vernacular from 0403. Soon jammed on 7150 and 7175 (and from 0455 also on 9710!) with wide range frequency noise (Rumen Pankov, Sofia Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

Eritrean Radio in July used the frequency of 9715 kHz but after Radio Saudi Arabia showed up there, has moved to 9710 kHz. The station was heard in Sofia at 0355 hours with Identification Signal and news bulletin from 0402 hours on 7150 and 7175 kHz --- right in the 40 meter ham band and on 9710 kHz. Source: Radio Bulgaria: DX programme

August 27, 2010 <http://bit.ly/aklrZt> (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD) This item axually reworking of Rumen's report above (gh)

7220, Voice of Broad Masses of Eritrea, *0355-0420, August 28, sign on with IS. Talk at 0359. Local pop music. Fair. // 7165 - covered by noise jammer at 0359 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

7160, Voice of the Broad Masses (?), Selai Dairo, 1742-...., 28 Aug'10, Vernacular, talks; 43442, jammed.

7175, Voice of the Broad Masses, Selai Dairo, 1810-1847, 28 Aug'10, Arabic, news bulletin, ID at 1814, jingle, local music & songs; 45433; still around after 1900. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. ETHIOPIA. 7165, Voice of Peace and Democracy (Gedja Jewe), 0410-0419, 8/23/2010, Tigrinya. Man talking. Horn of Africa music at 0415 followed by more talk at 0419. Poor to moderate signal strength, improving over time. Weaker parallel noted on 9560 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Via Ethiopia, 7165, Voice of Peace & Democracy, via Radio Ethiopia transmitters, *0356-0431*, August 27, sign on with Horn of Africa music and opening ID announcements. Talk at 0400 in listed Tigrinya. Local music. // 9559.86v - drifting up to 9559.96. Both frequencies fair but 7165 completely covered by noise jammer at 0410. Mon, Wed, Fri only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromiya, *0327-0329, August 30. Checked here at 0321 to only find a very weak Calgary; suddenly caught the distinctive repetitive xylophone sounding IS at 0327, which must have been a late sign on. Monday (UT) continues to be free of Cuban jamming and R. Marti (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6090, Amhara State Radio (tentative), *0257-0315, September 1. Open carrier noted 0238; on with IS; African music; 0301 brief announcement, but unable to make out language; more African music; reciting from the Qurian; Anguilla off the air; difficult to measure frequency with QRM from an unidentified station, but seemed lower than 6090.0. Per feedback from Brandon Jordan, I probably heard both Kaduna and Amhara mixing together, as he has heard reciting from the Qurian via Nigeria in the past, but not via Ethiopia. Thanks for your expert help Brandon! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nigeria should not be on that early, unless for Ramadan (gh, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 9560, 23 AUG, 1440 UT, Radio Ethiopia (tent. - presumed) in Arabic with Ethiopian music and little talk. Very low modulation, but otherwise good and clear signal. No sign of KSDA which is supposed to be here according to AOKI. CRI carrier flattened the neighborhood at 1500 UT (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. EURO Pirates --- 6295, Reflections Europe, IRELAND, 2205-..., 22 Aug'10, rlgs. propag. prgrs; strong but overmodulated; 44443, adj. QRM de CLAND 6297, Rabouni, ALG.

12255, ditto, 2203-..., 11 Aug'10, cf. \\ 6295; 35433. Their other parallel outlet, 3910, was not audible. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. QSL 25000 kHz time signal MIKES Espoo Finland --- Hi all, the vacancy is end but good QSL!! 25000, MIKES Time signal, 90 days, letter v/s Kalevi Kalliomaki, Iikka Iisakka, Tapio Mansten, Centre for Metrology and Accreditation, P. O. Box 9, Tekniikantie1 FI - 02151 ESPOO, FINLAND.

News for the future planning to change frequency to a lower 2.5 MHz.

73 good dx !!! (Mauro - Giroletti, -Swl 1510-, -IK2GFT-, -JRC525Nrd - Lowe HF150-, Filter PAR Electronics - BCST-LPF + BCST-HPF, - Eavesdropper SWL Sloper 11mt to 120mt Band- Loop LFL1010, -Lat. 45 25'0"N Long. 9 7'0"E -Locator grid. Jn 45 Nk- playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY QSL: Westdeutscher Rundfunk, 720, date/frequency "antenna tower" card in 97 days, with program magazine, stickers, lapel pins and frequency reference card for airmail report and US \$2.00 return postage (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. ARC Newsflash: DRM from Berlin back on 1485 kHz. 1485 Berlin has started the 24 hrs - DRM-transmissions again. Sad! (Bengt Ericson-SWE, ARC, Vaexjoe, via Christoph Ratzer-AUT, A-DX Aug 26/27 via BC-DX via DXLD)

1485 wieder in DRM? Ja das sieht wirklich so aus. Ich habe gerade jetzt (0742 UT) nicht zur besten Zeit die Nordrichtung der K9AY eingeschaltet und einen breiten DRM Traeger gesehen. 73 (Thomas Lindenthal-D, A-DX Aug 27m ibid.)

** GERMANY. Radio 700 - Aktuelle Programmliste 5980 und 6005 kHz.

Programme auf 6005 kHz fuer die Sendeperiode A10, Stand: 20. August 2010. Alle Zeiten in UT. Lokalzeit CEST = UT +2 hrs

Generell:

Montag-Sonntag 0700-0900 Radio Belarus
Montag-Sonntag 0900-1000 RADIO 700
Montag-Sonntag 1000-1015 Missionswerk Freundesdienst
Montag-Sonntag 1015-1630 RADIO 700
Montag-Samstag 1630-1645 Missionswerk Freundesdienst
Sonntag 1630-1645 RADIO 700
Montag-Sonntag 1645-1700 RADIO 700

Abweichend davon:

August 2010

Sonntag 22.08. 0900-1000 Radio Gloria International
Samstag 28.08. 1300-1400 Radio Gloria International

September 2010

Sonntag 05.09. 0900-1300 Radio Joystick (4 Stunden PX)
Sonntag 26.09. 0900-1000 Radio Gloria International

Oktober 2010

Samstag 02.10. 0900-1000 MV Baltic Radio
Samstag 02.10. 1300-1400 Radio Gloria International
Sonntag 03.10. 0900-1000 Radio Joystick

Programme auf 5980 kHz fuer die Sendeperiode A10, Stand: 20. August 2010 --- Alle Zeiten in UT. Lokalzeit CEST = UTC +2hrs

Generell:

Montag-Sonntag 0900-1000 Hamburger Lokalradio

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RADIO 700 - Ihr Radio fuer die Region, in Ostbelgien und der Eifel auf UKW 90.1 und 101.7 MHz, europaweit auf Kurzwelle 6005 kHz und weltweit im Internet: <http://www.radio700.eu> (Christian Milling-D, A-DX Aug 22 via BC-DX via DXLD)

** GERMANY. 6190, Deutschlandfunk Radio (Berlin Britz), 0421-0430, 8/23/2010, German. Talk by man and woman. A minute of slow instrumental music at 0424, then more talk. Slow vocal music at 0429. 3 + 1 time pips at 0430 followed by an announcement and presumed news by man. Poor signal with fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75,

RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Summer A-10 of Media Broadcast (ex DTK T-Systems). Part 3 of 4:

Voice of Russia

0000-0200 on 9810 GUF 250 kW / 195 deg to SoAm Spanish
0200-0500 on 9735 GUF 250 kW / 320 deg to NoAm Spanish, ex 0100-0500
2200-2400 on 11605 GUF 250 kW / 180 deg to BRA Portuguese, ex 23-24

Radio Free Asia (RFA):

0100-0300 on 9885 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to SoAs Tibetan

Hungarian Radio, but transmissions temporarily suspended

0100-0200 on 6150 WER 250 kW / 300 deg to NoAm Hungarian
0400-0500 on 3975 WER 250 kW / non-dir to WeEu Hungarian
1000-1100 on 6025 WER 100 kW / non-dir to WeEu Hungarian
1700-1800 on 6140 WER 100 kW / non-dir to WeEu Hungarian
2200-2300 on 3975 WER 250 kW / non-dir to WeEu Hungarian

Voice of Croatia from Sept 7 on 7375:

0100-0500 on 9925 WER 100 kW / 325 deg to NWAm Croatian/En/Sp, 7375
2200-0300 on 9925 WER 100 kW / 240 deg to SoAm Croatian/En/Sp, 7375
2300-0300 on 9925 WER 100 kW / 300 deg to NEAm Croatian/En/Sp, 7375
[via WORLD OF RADIO 1528]

Radio Japan NHK World

0330-0400 on 6130 WER 250 kW / 045 deg to RUS Russian
0530-0600 on 9850 WER 500 kW / 195 deg to WeAf French
1200-1230 on 9790 WER 250 kW / 300 deg to WeEu English
1430-1500 on 12045 WER 500 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
2200-2300 on 9620 WER 500 kW / 135 deg to N/ME Japanese

Radio Liberty (RL):

1500-1700 on 9530 WER 250 kW / 060 deg to EaEu Belorussian
1600-1700 on 6105 WER 250 kW / 060 deg to EaEu Belorussian
1700-1900 on 6050 WER 250 kW / 045 deg to EaEu Belorussian
1600-1700 on 7445 WER 250 kW / 060 deg to EaEu Russian
0030-0500 on 7280 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian Radio Farda
1230-1330 on 15680 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian Radio Farda
1400-1500 on 13860 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian Radio Farda
1600-1800 on 9760 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian Radio Farda
0400-0700 on 15715 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Pashto Radio Mashaal
Sep. 15 [starting?]
0700-0900 on 15715 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Pashto Radio Mashaal
1400-1500 on 13830 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to CeAs Turkmen
1500-1600 on 7260 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to CeAs Turkmen

1600-1700 on 6060 WER 250 kW / 060 deg to CeAs Uzbek
 1400-1500 on 9510 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to CeAs Uzbek
 1500-1600 on 11810 WER 250 kW / 090 deg CeAs Avari/Chechen/Cherkassi
 1500-1600 on 15565 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to CeAs Azeri
 1900-2000 on 9805 WER 250 kW / 060 deg to CeAs Tatar

Voice of America (VOA):

0330-0400 on 11665 WER 250 kW / 135 deg to EaAf Somali
 1630-1700 on 15445 WER 250 kW / 135 deg to EaAf Somali
 1730-1800 on 11905 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg to EaAf Afan Oromo Mon-Fri
 1730-1800 on 13870 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Afan Oromo Mon-Fri
 1800-1900 on 11925 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Amharic
 1900-1930 on 11925 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Tigrigna Mon-Fri
 1800-1900 on 13870 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg to EaAf Amharic
 1900-1930 on 13870 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg to EaAf Tigrigna Mon-Fri
 0300-0330 on 9815 NAU 250 kW / 160 deg to EaAf Arabic Hello Darfur
 1800-1830 on 9815 NAU 250 kW / 160 deg to EaAf Arabic Hello Darfur
 1900-1930 on 9745 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Arabic Hello Darfur
 2030-2100 on 9815 NAU 250 kW / 190 deg to CeAf Hausa Mon-Fri
 0500-0600 on 15130 NAU 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Kurdish
 1400-1500 on 17750 NAU 250 kW / 113 deg to WeAs Kurdish
 1700-1800 on 17750 WER 250 kW / 120 deg to WeAs Kurdish
 1600-1630 on 7295 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
 1630-1930 on 6040 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
 1430-1530 on 15380 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Pashto(Radio Ashna)
 1530-1630 on 15380 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Dari(Radio Ashna)
 1400-1500 on 13570 WER 250 kW / 095 deg to WeAs English
 1500-1530 on 11780 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to CeAs Uzbek
 1600-1700 on 13745 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to CeAs Georgian
 1700-1800 on 9780 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Pashto(Deewa Radio)
 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 Sept via DXLD)

** GUAM. GUAM TRANSMITTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Since 1977, God has blessed the Asia region with lasting fruit because of TWR's broadcasts from the island of Guam. Thirty-three years later, TWR-Guam is still utilizing the same four, 100-kilowatt shortwave transmitters. This equipment has far exceeded our expectations, but it has become apparent that we need to take immediate action to ensure that Asia continues to be adequately blanketed with the truth of the gospel.

Normally, new 100-kilowatt shortwave transmitters carry a price tag of over \$1 million each. Amazingly, the Lord has opened up an opportunity for us to obtain and install two used, but recently updated, top-of-the-line, 250-kilowatt transmitters for just under \$690,000! Believe it or not, this price includes shipment to Guam and all of the required building modifications necessary to install these

transmitters!

In the interest of stewardship, TWR wants to raise the needed funds before we begin the process of putting these powerful transmitters into service. The installation process is a lengthy one. Our goal is to begin by November of 2010 and the project is estimated to take roughly a year to complete. Watch the Video Here! (TWR News via Sept Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

Watch the Video! - 2 x Thomson-CSF TRE 2326 units, 250 kW class.

[<http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/>](http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/)

[<http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/Guam-coverage-general.jpg>](http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/Guam-coverage-general.jpg)

[<http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/Guam-transmitting-field.jpg>](http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/Guam-transmitting-field.jpg)

[<http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/guam-transmitter-delivery02.jpg>](http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/guam-transmitter-delivery02.jpg)

[<http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/guam-transmitter-delivery03.jpg>](http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/guam-transmitter-delivery03.jpg)

[<http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/guam-transmitter-delivery04.jpg>](http://www.twr.org/microsites/guam2010/images/lg/guam-transmitter-delivery04.jpg)

TDP Transmitter Documentation Project list shows 2 x 250 kW TRE2320 units of Koma Rock site in Kenya (Wolfgang B, schel, BCDX Sept 1 via DXLD) So you guess these are they? 2326 vs 2320? (gh)

** GUAM. 12585, 25 AUG, 1240 UT, US Coast Guard Station NRV with SITOP/CW marker and fair signals, no interference (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. -Conakry. 7125, R. Guinée, Sonfonya, 2218-2233, 13 Aug'10, French, natl. news bulletin Journal de la Nation; 45423. It's been quite irregular, particularly during daytime. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7125, R. Guinée, Sonfonya: still not around. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. -Conakry, 4900, Familia FM, Timbi Madina, 2152-2259, 17 Aug'10, French, talks; 25231. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Presumed logging of Radio Familia at 2352 on August 22 on 4900. The programme consisted of a talk in French over irritatingly repetitive music with a flute dominant. This continued to 0005 close. Ear-splitting atmospheric noise rendered intelligibility impossible, SINPO 23131 (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 3250, Radio Luz y Vida (San Luis), 0350-0357*, 8/28/2010, Spanish. Talk by man over music. ID and announcements at 0353 followed by anthem. Dead air at 0356. Carrier gone at 0357. Poor signal with

low, distorted audio (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), NASWA yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. Heard around 1130 - 1230 UT 27 Aug: regional SW stations:-

4760, AIR Port Blair aired a request program on Old Bengali Film Songs;

4895, AIR Kurseong aired an excellent Western Classical Music Program; Good reception. These are all of today, 27th August, 2010. Rx : Degen 1103 ---- (Arnab Ghosh, Durgapur, West Bengal, via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. On August 7 at 0040 on 4866 I heard a programme of Indian songs and speech. I suspect that this was AIR Delhi off channel since they were not heard on 4860 as scheduled at that time. I have heard Delhi on other days on 4860 but with a strong hum on the carrier and I think they may have problems there (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD) 4860.00 just below

4775.01, 2347-2353 and 2358-0012 30+31.08, AIR Imphal, local songs and vernacular ann, at 2353 the audio was replaced by a tone, but returned with ordinary programme at 2358 with AIR Interval signal, Vande Mataram hymn, vernacular ann and songs, 35333. AP-DNK

4860.00, *0023-0030 31.08, AIR Delhi, Kingsway, AIR Interval signal, ann, Vande Mataram hymn, vernacular ann, Sitar music, low modulation, 43343, CODAR QRM, AP-DNK

5010.00, 0035-0050 31.08, AIR Thiruvananthapuram, English, ID: "This is All India Radio", news from Delhi e.g. about Indian Tax, Commonwealth Games, 0040 ID: "Akashvani Thiruvananthapuram" and Indian songs about Malayalam issues, 43333, utility QRM. Also heard late at 0155-0215*, Aug 29, Malayalam (presumed) talk (news?), 0210 Indian songs, closing ann, very weak with utility QRM, 12221. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) See also ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS; KASHMIR

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, 1340-1350, August 30. Teacher with moral lecture in English on iDuty firsti; pop songs by Jessica Simpson; 1359 local ID. Very strong hum! Many of the AIR regional stations doing exceptionally well today (AIR Gangtok 4837.20, etc.).

9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, from 1435 to 1500, Monday (August 30). ID; another entertaining show of iVividhaî in English; yearlong celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore; reading of the short story iRich Womanî; good reception, per attached audio file; 1500 into Hindi and nice sitar music (Ron Howard,

Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15075, All India Radio (Bangaluru), 0338-0348, 8/25/2010, Hindi. Hindi music with short announcements by woman. Very poor signal. Slightly stronger parallel noted on 13695 (also Bangaluru). (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Sabato 21 agosto 2010, 0937 - 15770 kHz, ALL INDIA R. - Aligarh, Mix di due programmi (problema audio). Segnale sufficiente-buono. Alle 0938 in anticipo hanno spento, forse se ne sono accorti. Secondo la stagione A10 dovrebbe essere alle 0845-0945 in indonesiano (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Re: [dxld] RRI Fak Fak. Third song (I don't remember the name, maybe Bagimu Negri)) was an anthem-like song, played after the Jakarta news. Sorry, I haven't been following the regional RRI stations too much lately :-). 73, (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, Aug 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Jari, The music after Jakarta news was changed from Bagimu Negeri to national anthem (Indonesia Raya) from July. de A. Ishida (S. Hasegawa, Japan, ibid.)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI, Palangkaraya, 2114-2122, 19 Aug'10, Indonesian, talks, music; 23331, QRM de Brasil.

3995, RRI, Kendari, 2206-f/out 2219, 23 Aug'10, Indonesian, news bulletin (presumed) until 2210, music; 25321.

4925, RRI, Jambi, 2110-2124, 19 Aug'10, Indonesian, news bulletin, songs; 25342 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was very pleased to hear RRI Jambi at 1825 UT, lovely ID at 1830 UT on with music for Ramazan on 4925 kHz. Good audio and strength. So the transmitter is in good shape altho not heard on the regular skeds for some months now. At the same time also heard 3325 kHz RRI Palankaraya similar format (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, 4S7VK, DXplorer Aug 25 via BCDX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4604.93, RRI Serui not heard since Aug. 11. Gone for good, it looks like (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Aug 29, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

It's been ``gone for good`` several times only to return months later, so there is still hope (gh, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9526-, VOI, Tue Aug 24 at 1300-1306, just open carrier with hum, 1306 suddenly joining Exotic Indonesia in progress from Banjarmasin, then very good until hit by CRI het at 1357 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, VOI weak around 1230 Aug 25 in Japanese hour, but at 1301 VG in English, tho slight het audible from 9525, which I don't hear in OK. But nothing known scheduled on 9525 during this hour (Glenn Hauser, NM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.9v, Voice of Indonesia, 1125-1206, August 26. Rare that I tune in at this time period, so was surprised to find this anomaly; in English, rather than the scheduled Chinese; mostly pop songs and announcer talking about the various bands; 1201 ID; news; pop song; 1206 start of their programming in Japanese (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, VOI English, Monday Aug 30, just open carrier at 1308 and 1328 chex; 1353 recheck now with music; hit with het from CRI at *1357 (Glenn Hauser, NM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, VOI, Tuesday Aug 31, at 1331 Banjarmasin guy during another Exotic Indonesia, today including modulation (Glenn Hauser, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9680, RRI Jakarta, 1210, September 1. Heavy QRM from the jamming by CNR1 of scheduled Taiwan (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. VOICE OF EAST AZERBAIJAN --- Hi, after some discussion on the German a-dx group, the conclusion seems to be that the Tabriz regional station of Iran's IRIB is broadcasting a special Ramadan programme on shortwave and mediumwave. Check next night; this is all somewhat still presumed status. Ramadan runs until around 9 or 10 September this year.

Presumably the schedule is:

2330-0130 UT 702, 1323, 3985 kHz

0130-0430 UT 702, 1323 kHz

Programme "Avbashdanlyq" (Voice of East Azerbaijan - IRIB Tabriz) in AZERI language Plus FM outlets 90.4, 100.9, 105.5 MHz and Intel 902 satellite.

The website

http://tabriz.irib.ir/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1646&Itemid=247 announces this broadcast for the 2009 Ramadan, and the current observations indicate that the same is true in 2010. They say that the

programme runs from 4 to 9 a.m. (= UT + 4.5h), and "120 minutes" on the "overseas" service (that would be 3985). Thanks to Google Translate for improving my Farsi.

3985 has about the strength as the Voice of Croatia on the same frequency. Reception on 702 is good here in Leipzig, // 3985, but Patrick Robic in Austria reports a different Iranian programme which might stem from the Bushehr transmitter near the Persian Gulf, so beware which one it is you are getting. Yours truly observed 3985 to disappear at 0130, though hard to tell for sure with the Croatian powerhouse interfering.

702 is via the Kiashar transmitter on the Caspian Sea, usually in use for the external service for the Caucasus region. 37° 24'36.33"N 50° 00'44.51"E (thanks wb)

3985 is registered for the scrapped Mashhad site - wb says in fact it's been via Kamalabad for 3 years; AOKI lists Sirjan.

Streams on the station website:
<http://tabriz.irib.ir/>
mms://77.36.254.170:1756 (Radio)
mms://77.36.254.170:1755 (TV)

Thanks to Patrick for bringing this up initially, and to Dirk, Wolfgang, and Mauno for greatly helping to solve this.

There is another Iranian 75m channel on 3945 (until 0100 UT). Regular Pashto service as registered?? 73! (Eike Bierwirth, Leipzig, Germany, JRC NRD525, PA0RDT MiniWhip, Aug 29, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some notes:

The 702 kHz facility, at a location also transliterated as Ami Kiasar or Ami Keyasar, has obviously been designed for transmissions to the then Soviet Union. It has two directional antennas of four masts each (a popular much-bang-for-money design), aiming almost due north, one at about 350 and the other at about 10 degrees. WRTH 1994 showed this facility on 702 and 1404 with 800 kW. Apparently since then 1404 has at some point been replaced by 1521 and now the transmitter is not in use at all, while the power on 702 is now listed as 500 kW.

3985 is in use from Kamalabad for Russian 1700-1800 and 1930-2030, so it appears to be safe to assume that this applies to the Tabriz special, too. Has Sirjan an antenna for 75 metres at all?

What originates from Sirjan instead are the regular foreign broadcasts

in Azeri, at present 0330-0530 on 13710 and 1430-1700 on 6035. It is well possible that the IRIB branch at Tabriz is involved in the production of these programmes, too, although I so far saw only vague mentions of IRIB studios outside Teheran preparing content for the foreign service, too (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

also 5930 0130-0230 40E,41N ZAH 500 0 0 935=antenna
925-949 Cross-dipole antenna
uses the 75/60/49 mb antenna.

A crossed dipole antenna consists of two horizontal centre-fed half wave dipoles placed at right angles to form a cross. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B.schel, ibid.)

Re 75 mb Antennen. Hier der aktuelle Bestand im Iran:
IRN Zahedan SW site 2 x 75mb [4mast antennas _ + 31/22 mb]

Pashto 3945 kHz ist Zahedan site, 1430-0430 UT.
29 28'31.89"N 60 51'48.60"E

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=29%C2%B028%2731.89%22N++60%C2%B051%2748.60%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.698556,56.074219&ie=UTF8&ll=29.475526,60.863507&spn=0.006323,0.01369&t=h&z=17

IRN_ Kamalabad 2 x 75 mb deep fountain beam antennas. je 4mast
35 49'53.85"N 50 52'14.04"E

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=35%C2%B049%2753.85%22N+50%C2%B052%2714.04%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.698556,56.074219&ie=UTF8&ll=35.831627,50.870562&spn=0.005889,0.01369&t=h&z=17

no 75mb Antenna at Sirjan. Sirjan hat nur Vorhangantennen und eine MW Anlage, sowie eine drehbare Telefunkenantenne 49 bis 25 mb, wie in Moosbrunn, Sottens, Vatikanstadt.

Die Arabisch-Nachtsendung kann sowohl aus Kamalabad, als auch Zahedan kommen. Von den Target Zonen 39,40 tendiere ich nach Zahedan (ex Mashad); 3985 1630-0330 zones 39,40 MAS 500kW 0=non-dir
73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, Aug 30, ibid.)

** IRAN. 702 MW, *2327-0128* 30+31.08+01+ 02.09, IRIB Tabriz, via Kiashahr, Azeri, Ramadan programme heard // 3985 until 0128* when best: 54444 AP-DNK

1026 MW, 0025-0045 01.09, IRIB Tabriz Regional, Farsi talk, muslim song 34333 not // 702 MW AP-DNK

New 3945 *2255-0059:35* 30+31.08+01+ 02.09, VOIRI Zahedan, Tajik, Ramadan programme, opening and closing ann mentioning Tajikistan and Tajik and two frequencies, 2300 3 gongs and Iranian National Hymn sung by choir. The rest of the programme was Qur'an recitations, muslim songs, prayers and conversation. Broadcast only during Ramadan. 55444 (S9+30!). IRIB continued in Tajik *0100-0230* on 6175 Kamalabad and 7285 Sirjan - both under heavily QRM. AP-DNK

New 3985 *2327-0210 30+31.08+01+ 02.09, VOIRI Kamalabad, Azeri, Ramadan programme opening with muslim hymn, 3 gongs and Iranian National Hymn by choir. The rest of the programme was Qur'an recitations, muslim songs praising Allah, prayers and religious talks. 53443 fighting with co-channel Croatia. Heard // 702 MW until 0128* (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** IRAN [and non]. 531, 26 AUG, 2053 UT, IRIB national channel with Farsi talk and interviews. Two IRIB powerhouses sit on this frequency, one with 500 kW and the other with 600 kW and some audio delay making for difficult listening when they fight for the channel. Radio Algerienne program 1 occasionally heard during fades, but supposedly at half-power (300 kW) during this time.

540, 26 AUG, 2101 UT, IRIB national channel with Farsi talk and music. Two high power outlets here as well, at 200 and 300 kW, struggling for channel supremacy with PBC out of Peshawar also with 300 kW. Add Kuwait's Quran channel with 600 kW into the mix and you have a pile-up requiring a loop antenna to sort out.

549, 26 AUG, 2108 UT, IRIB national channel with Farsi talks and interview. 400 kW powerhouse strong and stable signals in the absence of 1200 kW China, but not // 531, 540 lending credence to WRTH statement that regional audio and national audio may often be swapped at the same site.

558, 26 AUG, 2114 UT, Radio Farhang with two men in a long-winded Farsi discussion. Local signals with no interference due to 1000 kW power. Occasional music thrown into the mix.

585, 26 AUG, 2147 UT, Radio Quran, with - you guessed it - all Quran all the time. Solid, needle-pegging signals at 600 kW. Interesting live Quran reading with the crowd ooh'ing and awww'ing. The guy singing the verses could have given Rob Halford a run for his money. Even smothering the 1200 kW Saudi station underneath.

594, 26 AUG, 2205 UT, IRIB Regional from Shiraz, with a few Koranic chants and long-winded talk by male in Farsi. 400 kW but still suffering from deep fades, otherwise strong signals. Possible BSKSA

pilgrimage channel from Mecca with 50 kW heard underneath and during fades.

603, 26 AUG, 2216 UT, National channel with some Iranian pop music and Farsi talk. Fair signals with 50 kW and bad QRM from an unidentified carrier on 602 kHz which had an opposite fade to it as the Iranian carrier. No audio, just carrier.

657, 26 AUG, 2240 UT, IRIB national channel with chanting and some Quran reading. Good signals at 100 kW.

1242, 25 AUG, 2212 UT, IRIB National program, // to all the other frequencies carrying it. Poor signals with a deep fade. No sign of Oman.

1251, 25 AUG, 2210 UT, IRIB National program with female announcer interviewing telephone caller and light instrumental music. Good signals for 100 kW and alone on the channel.

1323, 25 AUG, 2200 UT, IRIB Regional, Jolfa with 50 kW, daring to be different and not following the national program, heard with what can only be described as opera, mentions of Iran, and time pips on the hour under the opera music! Good signal with occasional fading.

1458, 25 AUG, 2112 UT, IRIB with national program. Good signals supposedly only 10 kW, peaking at S7 and some deep fades. Completely blocking any chance at Mayotte. Got them earlier in the year when Iran was off for whatever reason.

1467, 25 AUG, 2110 UT, IRIB with national program. Fair signals.

1503, 25 AUG, 2107 UT, IRIB with national program of traditional music. Fair signal only with no QRM.

1512, 25 AUG, 2103 UT, IRIB Regional carrying national program with Iranian traditional music and soft talk. No sign of Saudi's BSKSA Quran program supposed to be here with 1000 kW from 1300 to 0300.

1584, 25 AUG, 2032 UT, IRIB Maku, running national program with male and female announcers, // with just about every other outlet on the mediumwave band. Very strong signals with minimal QRM for only 10 kW. (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 7350, IRAN? Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 0227, 8/23/10, in Arabic. Heavily percussive music (indigenous African sounding), 0230 theme or anthem, YL, 0235 percussive music (like just

before BoH), OM & 1st YL & 2nd YL alternating, mostly 1st YL after 0250, 0259 theme type music, Qur'an recitation, Mid East type music, 0301 YL talk, & joined by OM. VoIRI not listed before 0300. Qur'an at ToH makes VoIRI seem likely.

9790, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran ñ Sirjan, 0204, 8/29/10, in Kazakh. Fairly fast moving program of vocal and instrumental music, with characteristic Persian vocals and short items by a man and woman. 0228 VoIRI continuity, off 0228. Fair (Mark Taylor, Madison WI, Winradio g313e, Eton E1, Satllit 800, G5, Kaito 1103; Alpha Delta Sloper, Flextenna, EWE, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

15085, VOIRI (Kamalabad), 1726-1733, 8/24/2010, German. Talk by woman (language not identified). 30 seconds of dead air at 1727, then slow instrumental music. At 1730, chimes, ID, anthem, and talk by woman in German. Koran recitation began at 1731. Good signal, the best on this frequency this year (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND [non]. SPECIAL COVERAGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL IRELAND FINALS 2010 BY RT..., IRELAND'S NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTER

Britain: Across most of Britain, listeners can receive our coverage on Long Wave 252 kHz. In addition RT... Radio 1 is available on the UK free to air satellite platform Freesat on channel 750

Worldwide: Across the world, the match commentaries will be available online at <http://www.rte.ie/radio1>

Shortwave to Africa: In Africa, where many Irish people live and work, often in relative isolation with poor communications, RT... is providing special transmissions on shortwave radio. Please note the frequency and time changes during the broadcasts

Coverage Area Frequencies Time (Irish) (Time UT) [incorrect! v. below]

South Africa 7265 kHz - 2 pm to 6 pm (1300-1700 UT)
East Africa 15400 kHz - 2 pm to 4 pm (1300-1500 UT)
East Africa 11695 kHz - 4 pm to 6 pm (1500-1700 UT)
West Africa 15445 kHz - 3.30 pm to 4 pm (1430-1500 UT)
West Africa 11805 kHz - 4 pm to 5:30 pm (1500-1630 UT)

Please note that from past experience this coverage is available outside published coverage area.

Satellite Radio: Across the world, the match commentaries will be available on satellite radios on WRN2, channel 328.

Intelsat Service: For the first time, RT... Radio is providing a

dedicated satellite radio feed of the finals. Full coverage from 2pm to 6pm Irish time will be available on Intelsat (C Band) Channel 10: GAA Special. The coverage of the service is extensive - from western Africa over to Australia, as well as throughout most of Europe and Asia.

<http://www.rte.ie/radio/allireland.html>
(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Aug 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

Left out of the press release, and also omitted from the information on RTE's own website, is the date on which these special transmissions will occur. Thanx to Media Network Blog, I found that these transmissions will occur on 4 and 18 September, 2010. 73, (J. D. Stephens, Hampton Cove, AL, USA, HCDX via DXLD)

Something items on shortwave are wrong ??? wb

[rather Sunday Sept 5th and 19th, 2010 wb.]
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Times rather

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To South Africa: 1300-1700 UT on 7265 kHz MEY 100 kW 005 deg

To East Africa: 1300-1500 UT on 15400 kHz MEY 250 kW 019 deg

1500-1700 UT on 11695 kHz MEY 250 kW 015 deg

To West Africa: 1430-1600 UT on 15445 kHz MEY 250 kW 330 deg

1600-1630 UT on 11805 kHz MEY 100 kW 335 deg

(RTE web site via RNW MN Andy Sennitt-HOL, via BrDXC-UK Aug 25 via Wolfgang B,schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Andy at MN subsequently fixed the mistaxe (gh)

** ISRAEL. Kol Israel NF on 15760 --- I can receive Kol Israel in Persian on 15760 kHz (ex 11595) at 1400 UT from August 23. 1335 c/on, IS at 1357 // 13850kHz, QRM SOH on 15760. de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Japan, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISening DIGEST)

Summer 1400-1500 (-1530 Sun-Thur), winter 1500-1600 (-1630 Sun-Thur)

6990 40 ISR 250 90 800 pers ISR KOL

9390 40 ISR 250 90 800 pers ISR KOL

9985 40 ISR 250 90 800 pers ISR KOL

11595 40 ISR 250 27 800 pers ISR KOL

13850 40 ISR 250 90 800 pers ISR KOL

15760 40 ISR 250 90 800 pers ISR KOL

antenna type 800 - 849

Horizontal log-periodic antenna

Designation: LPH N / L / h1 / hN / l1 / lN / Z

N = number of elements
L = distance between the centres of the shortest and the longest elements in meters.
hL = height of the shortest element in meters
hN = height of the longest element in meters
l1 = length of the longest element in meters
lN = length of the longest elements in meters
Z = impedance of the antenna internal feeder ()

Antenna Code - Antenna Definition 800

LPH 18/35/30/30/3/26/89 (ITU file list via BCDX Aug 25 via DXLD)

see also EUROPE for Reflexions Europe pirate

** ISRAEL. 15785, Galei Zahal (Lod), 1743-1745, 8/24/2010, Hebrew.
Talk by woman. Very poor signal, just above noise level, with minimal fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15785, Galei Zahal (presumed); 2146, 26-Aug; M&W discussion in HB.
SIO=354-, fady; only weak het near 6973 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JORDAN. Yes, 11810 is inactive - at least since Jan 2010. I checked 11960 various days, time schedule is different, past week and today Aug 23 noted only 0400-0459 UT. 11960 at 0500-0715 UT is totally dead. 73 (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Later:

11960, Radio Amman, observed from 0400 til 0459 UT cl-down, Aug 23. S=9+30dB full power 500 kW at 350degr. Second strongest bc signal in 25mb at that time, only R Rossii Taldom Moscow on 12070 kHz is stronger. HFCC and WRTH Update time entries are wrong. Comment in Arabic, in western style with many jingles in between. News on Palestine and Israel matter, resp. Iraq and USA-Kuwait. 0448-0450 UT football soccer news on English Premier League teams (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 23 via DXLD)

NOTHING heard on 11960 kHz channel on Wed Aug 25th in 0400-0700 UT slot, no audio, no carrier, Amman was totally OFF. 73 wb (B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re WRTH May update:

RADIO JORDAN (Gov)

kHz: 9830, 11810, 11960, 15290

Summer Schedule 2010

Arabic Days Area kHz

0345-0715 daily ME,As 11810akaá

0500-0715 daily Eu 11960aka <<< totally dead
1030-1130 daily Eu,NAf 15290aka
1030-1300 daily ME,As 11810akaá
1745-2015 daily Eu 9830aka
Key: á Inactive at time of publication.
(via Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11960 wrong time - not really at registered 0500-0715 UT, rather 4-5 UT, but irregularly. On Aug 25th and 29th Jordan Radio Amman 11960 kHz transmission was totally OFF. On Aug 26th 0400-0500 UT, end at sign-off time 0500:52 UT switched off. (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 26-29 via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** KASHMIR. 4950, 24 AUG, 1640 UT, INDIA (SRINIGAR), AIR Radio Kashmir, Hindi pops and PSA's/commercials in Hindi/Kashmiri. Very strong signals with great modulation. Local line noise and summer static the only problems.

Hope everyone's well! My trek towards Pattaya Thailand begins in 8 days! There is no more beautiful sight than Kabul in the rear-view mirror! 73s from Kaboom, ermmm.... Kabul (Al Muick, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. INDIA (?) 4950, R. Kashmir (presumed), Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, 2241-2255, 23 Aug'10, local lang., exalted talks, live audience; 35433. If not India, then what? 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Pre-sunrise special during Ramadan as others reported (gh, DXLD)

4950.00, *0025-0035 31.08+02.09, R. Kashmir, Srinagar, Kashmiri (presumed), AIR IS, Vande Mataram hymn, ann mentioning Kashmir, sitar and drums, 0030 instrumental music and comments, Ramadan songs, 45333 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5910, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata, *1400-1430*, August 27 (Friday). In English; usual segments of iTodayís News Flashí and iTodayís News on North Korean Issuesí. IDs iThis is Shiokaze Sea Breeze from Tokyo, Japaní. Poorer than usual due to moderate jamming.

They have added a new segment; at 1425 heard iThis is a message from the Japanese Governmentí; iThe Japanese Government will surely bring all the abductees back homeí; the government will be broadcasting (every night?) a program in Japanese and Korean "with a frequency band of 9000 kHz." This announcement followed by Shiokaze's normal canned sign off announcement. On Wednesday (25th) was in Korean, not the

normal English programming (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135 (ex: 5910), Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata, 1410, September 1. Back to their usual schedule of English on Wednesday; their former 5910 was in fact heavily jammed today, which is why Shiokaze made the move; no imessage from the Japanese Governmentî segment today. This now causes a half hour of heavy QRM for Madagascar on 6134.9v (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6015, KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1 (presumed) via Hwasong, 1411, August 25. Unusual to find a nice segment completely in the clear with no jamming; in Korean; 2 men in conversation; 1416 EZL pop song; conversation continued; 1426 brief English lesson; iHello everyoneî and explained about the word iarivalî; poor; the heavy noise jamming kicked in at 1433 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. DENMARK PLANS TERRORISM CHARGE AGAINST KURDISH TV

The Danish government said on yesterday it backed the filing of terrorism-related charges against two Denmark-based companies behind a Kurdish television station that prosecutors accuse of promoting the PKK militant group. Danish Justice Minister Lars Barfoed said in a statement that he supported the prosecutorsí request to bring charges against the backers of Roj-TV for ipromoting the activities of a terror organisationî.

Denmarkís public prosecutorsí office said in a separate statement that charges would be brought against the Denmark-based companies Roj-TV A/S and Mesopotamia Broadcast A/S METV under section 114 of the Danish Criminal Code. That section makes it a criminal offence to promote the activities of an individual, group or association that commits or intends to commit acts of terrorism, the prosecutors said. Officials at the companies could not be reached immediately for comment.

iIt is the opinion of the Prosecution Service thatÖa number of the TV programmes and features broadcast on Roj-TV must be regarded as having the characteristics of propaganda in support of the PKK, and that this propaganda serves to promote PKKís activities,î the prosecutors said.

Prosecutors will also seek to have Roj-TVís Danish broadcasting licence suspended, they said. The station is available by satellite in Turkey and various European and Middle Eastern countries. The case will be heard by the Copenhagen City Court, but a trial date has not yet been set, the prosecutors said.

(Source: Reuters)(September 1st, 2010 - 12:02 UTC by Andy Sennitt,
Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

From the same folx who bring us V. of Mesopotamia on 11530 (Glenn
Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** KUWAIT [and non]. 1548/1548.5, 25 AUG, 2048 UT, KUWAIT (US), Radio
Sawa duking it out with Iran who insists on being 500 Hz higher in
frequency, causing a massive heterodyne on the channel. Both running
bland talk (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m
Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT [and non]. IBB Kuwait - Report of Inspection (March 2010)
MW [tentative]1386 kHz 600 kW to Iran delay.
Coverage map show the main lobe direction of Mashad-IRN and Asghabad
Turkmenistan.
<<http://oig.state.gov/documents/organization/141121.pdf>>
<<http://oig.state.gov/documents/organization/146149.pdf>>
<<http://oig.state.gov/documents/organization/143919.pdf>>

"The bilateral agreement under which the IBB Kuwait Transmitting
Station was established came about as one of the acts of a Kuwaiti
Government grateful for its liberation on February 26, 1991, by a
U.S.-led coalition during the Persian Gulf War. Kuwait had been under
occupation since August 1990, when Iraq invaded it under the
leadership of Saddam Hussein. The bilateral agreement leased to the
United States, without cost, a 12-square kilometer tract of land
approximately 48 miles north of Kuwait City for the purposes of
transmitting international broadcasts.

The agreement included favorable rates for electric power, to be no
greater than the rates charged to the Government of the State of
Kuwait. That rate is currently just over one-half U.S. cent for each
kilowatt hour. Consequently, the IBB Kuwait Transmitting Station is
the most cost-effective Station in the BBG network.

[...]

When completed, there will be six shortwave transmitters available for
operation. The {600kW} medium-wave project is discussed in the section
below.

[...]

As part of a project to enhance broadcast capability from Kuwait,
Engineering shipped two high power shortwave transmitters, two high
power medium wave transmitters, antenna towers, associated components,
and related materials and equipment from closed IBB facilities to the
Kuwait Transmitting Station.

In addition, the Kuwait station has served as a holding area for additional broadcast equipment earmarked for other facilities. Kuwait's hot and dry environment makes an excellent location for storing transmitter equipment because tubes and other sensitive components are not subjected to high humidity levels or the multiple freeze and thaw cycles that can lead to component damage.

[...]

Construction of a \$5.2 million, 600,000-watt, medium-wave transmitter intended to reach a high-priority audience in Iran is far behind schedule. The expected completion date was initially May 22, 2008. As it is, the powerful transmitter was not available following the June 12, 2009, disputed election in Iran, and it remains unavailable. Existing medium-wave assets at the Kuwait transmitting station can reach only a narrow band of the western portion of Iran.

[...]

The reasons for the delay are multiple. Even though the station had been paying the contractor, the contractor defaulted on paying its local vendors and employees. The contractor then left the job without completing it. Shortly before he defaulted, the contractor was also debarred by the Department of Defense from other contracts.

[Please name the contractors!! gh]

IBB Washington, which let the contract, is seeking resolution of the issue with the contractor and vendors. During the inspection, IBB terminated the contractor responsible for the delays. IBB then negotiated with the manufacturer of switchgear needed to complete the project for its shipment. IBB is also in discussions with prospective contractors for installation of the switchgear. IBB hopes to simultaneously commission the transmitter and antenna system to complete the project.

[...]

The station manager is managing work on several major projects. One is the construction of a \$5.2 million, 600,000-watt, medium wave transmitter intended to reach a high-priority audience in Iran. This project is far behind schedule. The reasons for the delay are multiple. The main reason is that the contractor recently defaulted and left the job.

Shortly before he defaulted, the contractor was also debarred by the Department of Defense from other contracts. IBB Washington, which let the contract, is taking immediate steps to move forward with this high priority project. U.S. interests require the immediate completion of a transmitter that can reach all of Iran.

[...]

The expected completion date was initially May 22, 2008.

[...]

- a.. Management of the IBB Djibouti transmitting station.
[but this item is all about KUWAIT so why mention that? below gh]
- b.. 24-hour/day FM transmissions of Radio Sawa in Arabic (95.7 FM) and Voice of America in English (96.9 FM) from transmitters in Liberation Tower in Kuwait City.
- c.. 24-hour/ day, medium-wave transmissions of Radio Sawa in Arabic (1548 AM) into Iraq.
- d.. Management of FM affiliate contracts in the Middle East and Africa (see Appendix A).
- e.. High power shortwave transmission in multiple languages for the Voice of America and for BBG grantee surrogate broadcasters (Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia) in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East (see Appendix B)

When the Ismaning, Germany, Transmitting Station was decommissioned in 2007, its equipment was sent to the IBB Kuwait transmitting station. At that time, the Kuwait station took on the new role of serving as a gateway in the global SIS.

When the IBB Morocco transmitting station was decommissioned, the Kuwait station took over management of the IBB Djibouti transmitting station, which had been managed from the Morocco station. It also took over seven Moroccan FM stations, as well as seven other African FM stations that had been managed by the Morocco station (see Appendix A). This is in addition to the 10 FM stations in the Middle East the station was already managing.

Most of this expanded mission has come since the last OIG inspection in 2003. Moreover, since the last OIG inspection, the Kuwait station has added four shortwave transmitters-three shipped from the Greece Transmitting Station in 2003 and a fourth from the Germany station in 2004. Four high-gain curtain array antennas for the shortwave were also installed in 2004. In addition to its three medium-wave transmitters that were operational in 2003 together with a system of transmitting towers, an additional medium-wave transmitter project and a shortwave expansion project are underway. Two new shortwave transmitters were received in mid-2009.

An 80 ton rotating antenna for the shortwave expansion project was under construction during the inspection. When completed, there will be six shortwave transmitters available for operation. The medium-wave project is discussed in the section below. The IBB Kuwait transmitting

station and its current station manager have done an outstanding job of carrying out the station's expanded mission as demonstrated by its near perfect availability performance measure and managing the multiple ongoing projects, including security projects and projects for infrastructure augmentation.

[...]

Assets valued at \$31 million, including:

- two high-power, medium-wave transmitters (600 kW and 150 kW) and one smaller (50 kW) backup transmitter
- four 250 kW shortwave transmitters
- the station is the process of installing an additional 600 kW medium- wave transmitter and two additional 250 kW shortwave transmitters.
- An extensive satellite gateway system with multi-channel direct uplink/downlink capabilities to the Atlantic Ocean Relay, Indian Ocean Relay, AsiaSat, and Hot Bird satellites.

Source: Transmitting Station Manager - data as of Oct 7, 2009.

[...]

Inspection of International Broadcasting Bureau Kuwait Transmitting Station:

At all levels, IBB staff members were energetic, interested, and involved in their primary mission - that of broadcasting U.S. government programs to a foreign audience. Recent years have been difficult for the staff at overseas broadcasting stations as budgets and resources are continually shrinking.

In Germany, for example, as recently as October 2006, the station had three transmitting sites (Ismaning, Lampertheim, and Biblis) with a staff of 41. At the end of FY 2009, 20 staff members remained. During that same time, however, the number of annual shortwave broadcast hours has increased from 32.400 to 45.760. In addition, the Germany Transmitting Station has taken on numerous additional responsibilities for IBB operations in Tajikistan, Cyprus, and Afghanistan.

- also involved in ... 972 kHz Radio Aap Ki Dunyaa, Orzu Tajikistan, 990 kHz Radio Sawa, Cyprus, and 621 kHz Radio Mashaal, Khost Afghanistan operations.

[...]

Fifteen IBB staff members were employed previously as technicians at

the IBB Philippines Transmitting Station. The personnel files for these employees indicate that they were hired from abroad as third country national (TCN) employees, and brought to Kuwait at U.S. Government expense. Unlike non-Kuwaiti TCN staff hired in Kuwait, these employees, whether on tours of duty in excess of 1 year or for tours of duty for 1 year or less, were entitled under 3 FAM 7274.4-3 to benefits that may not be in the local compensation plan.

These Filipino TCN employees are covered under the local compensation plan, which includes salary in local currency,

[...]

Due to its isolated location, the transmitting station provides two shuttle buses from residential areas to the station and back. The station's 48-hour work week includes two 12.5-hour days and three 8-hour days. The technical staff works rotating shifts, to cover nights, and the compensation plan reflects this arrangement.

[...]

A spot check of the physical stock found 29 transmitting tubes, each valued at \$38,000. The inventory in the Stock Record System showed 19. BBG concedes that the inventory of these high-value items called tetrodes did not match, but states that the agency procedures are not to declare the fragile tetrodes to be viable components until in-service testing can be done.

In-service testing of such tubes is a time consuming process. With the broadcasting schedule of the Kuwait Transmitting Station, it may take up to 6 months to fully test a tube and declare it to be viable. Because of the large number of tubes shipped to the station, combined with the other workloads placed on the station, the station transmitter plant technicians have not been able to complete in-service testing of these tubes." (via William Hague-UK, NWDXC Aug 17 via BC-DX Aug 25 via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. R. Maranatha / Hit Shortwave, Bishkek, logged on new 5130 (ex 6030) at 1550 UT 11 August with ID ``Seday Zindagia`` (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Dxclusive via Sept BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD) Mauno tells me that the new frequency was first heard by Dmitry Puzanov from Kazakhstan. Sked is probably M-F only with sign-off around 1740 (Dave Kenny, ed., ibid.)

Normally we would question this as a 2 x IF receiver image, 6030 minus 900 = 5130, but assume Mauno would not be fooled by that, especially if really missing from 6030 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4010, 25 AUG, 0125 UT, Kyrgyz Radio, Very strong

carrier with abysmal modulation. I could just make out the man and woman speaking. They need to turn up the dial on the modulator. No help even from synchronous AM detection (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4009.98, 0010-0020 31.08, Kyrgys R 1, Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek, Kyrgyz ann and local songe, weak modulation 45332 heard // 4795.00 (25111) (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** LIBERIA. 3960, Star R (presumed), Monrovia, 2054-2106, 15 Aug'10, Afr. music; 14241, adj. QRM, stronger after 2100. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3960.4, Star Radio? 1934, someone here with a threshold carrier, but not enough audio for anything close to an ID. If Star Radio is still on this frequency, has anyone given it an exact measurement? 20 August (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, Palstar MW550, etc.), dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3960, Star Radio. August 24, 0653-0711 male in English talks iliberiaî, African music, male in eloquent speech, back music. Noisy, 25222.

3960, Star Radio. September, 01 0656-0706 male in English talks. Unreadable, 25322 (L'cio Ot-vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, DXLDYG via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 6134.938, Radio Malagasy, 1350, French, news or similar by a woman until 1400, then into hlife. Excellent, near local level. Nothing on 7105. 20 August (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, Palstar MW550, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also KOREA NORTH [non], Shiokaze

5010, Radio Madagasikara, 0242-0320, August 28, tune-in to contemporary Christian music. IS at 0257. Choral National Anthem at 0259. Malagasy talk at 0301. Local guitar music. Radio-drama. Poor to fair. Reduced carrier USB (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

5010 (USB + carrier mode), RTVM. 1355, September 1. Decent reception via long path! IDs iRadio Madagascariî; ads; pop songs; phone calls; // 6134.9v; no signal heard on 7105 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. Hello, Glenn! I hope you are quite well. Good news from Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA. On July 20th, 2010, I have received a letter

from The Voice of Malaysia. The envelope contained a nice QSL card with the slogan Bridging the World, a desk calendar and a sticker. The schedule shown for English: Australia-New Zealand-London / 0600-0800 UT on 15295, 9750 and 6175 kHz.

My report was dated on April 1st, 2007. Frequency: 15295. Time: 0630. But actually, I sent it last February 9th, 2010. They ask listeners to write to: Voice of Malaysia, 3rd floor, South Wing, WISMA Radio, Angkasapuri, 50614 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I was amazed by this surprising QSL; I am very happy. Now I would love to have an answer from the SIBC and that is another challenge! Wish me luck. 73s and good DXing, (Ad'n Gonz'lez, Catia La Mar, Vargas State, VENEZUELA, Aug 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. 4845, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 0916-0925*, 14 Aug'10, Arabic, Koranic progr; 33443, CODAR QRM; this time, there was an immediate change to their day time fq of 7245.

7245, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 1411-1443, 18 Aug'10, French, news, Koranic progr at 1415, Arabic afterwards; 45343. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. REAPARECE EN INTERNET LA EMISORA RADIO M...XICO INTERNACIONAL

El secretario de Educaci n P blica, Alonso Lujambio, anunci  que partir de enero de 2011 se retomar  a trav s de Internet la emisora Radio M xico Internacional del Instituto Mexicano de la Radio (IMER), que desapareci  en 2004.

Al clausurar los primeros cursos radiof nicos sobre la Independencia Nacional, indic  que esta emisora tendr  continuidad v a digital a trav s de Radio 20-10, que ''informar  al mundo sobre el quehacer nacional y celebrar  la mexicanidad desde todos sus  mbitos'', detall .

Ante la directora del IMER, Ana Cecilia Terrazas Vald s, destac  que en la actual coyuntura hist rica, una de las metas del gobierno federal es la difusi n del conocimiento hist rico para fomentar m s el amor al pa s.

Explic  que a trav s de Radio 20-10 se realiz  el curso que consisti  en 25 programas radiof nicos difundidos del 19 de julio al 20 de agosto, en cuyo examen para acreditarlo participaron 50 mil personas, quienes obtuvieron un promedio de 9.1 de calificaci n.

El funcionario explic  que el curso lo tomaron mexicanos que viven en diferentes partes de la Rep blica Mexicana y en naciones como Alemania, Argentina, Brasil Canad , China, Venezuela, entre otras.

RecordÚ que Radio 20-10 transmite m·s de 65 producciones originales, entre radionovelas, c·psulas, cursos, historia de la m·sica, del periodismo, el pensamiento, el teatro, la economİa, poesİa literatura, entrevistas de fondo, y Discutamos MÈxico, que es otro de los esfuerzos culturales del gobierno federal. . . (Yucatan.com.mx)
M·s en <http://www.elmundodelaradio.com>
(via Arnaldo Slaen, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

RMI to return to the 'air' next year. Since IMER is mentioned, this is the original XERMX which was on SW, not the RMI run by a private individual, a ham on an online basis only, mentioned here several times previously; but did his effort (with permission to use the RMI name) inspire this? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 4830, Mongolian Radio, 1325, September 1. Assume in Mongolian with EZL music; clearly // 4895; both almost fair, but 4895 quickly mixing with assume AIR which was fading in. Has been a while since I last heard both frequencies (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÚn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. 9665, 23 AUG, 1431 UT, Voice of Mongolia in Mandarin with station ID and news by female announcer. Fair signals with some heavy QRM from a dead carrier 500 Hz higher in frequency. Best 73, (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No doubt Korea North

** NEW ZEALAND. 7440, RNZI on wrong frequency instead of usual 11725, Aug 24 at 0511, good YL & YL news interview with labour minister about a tourist killed. No 11675 DRM either, but did not find a wrong DRM frequency. At 0522 recheck, 7440 is gone, so I tune again to 11725, and bang! On it pops at 0523 joining program in progress, and now 11670-11680 DRM is on too. Transmitters/computer control again with a mind of its own, or a deliberate test or something? Anyhow, it certainly disrupted both AM and DRM listeners.

Sept 1 at 0615, 11725 was virtually the OSOB and not much making it on 9 MHz band either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Your correspondent [sic] is quite correct in what is reported. Between 2200 Aug 23 and 0600 Aug 24 our technical crew were carrying out maintenance work on the antennas. As part of the work it was necessary to check the transmitters are performing correctly on various frequencies. Further work is required which will be completed during summer months (Adrian Sainsbury, RNZI, Sept 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15120, VON, 1532-1547, August 27. In English with news

reports and interviews (a report from London for the iVoice of Nigeria); poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Greetings folks! TCS on the air tonight on 6862 kHz AM, starting about 0020 UT and rolling as long as I can take it! Cheers! -- (John Poet, The Crystal Ship, The TCS Blog <http://tcsshortwave.blogspot.com/> 0020 UT Aug 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Crystal Ship is now broadcasting on 6862 at 0119 UT in English, and rock music putting a good signal at my QTH in TN. Heard Monday August 30, 2010. Retuned at 0124 with QRM on frequency but managed to adjust trimmer to minimize interference. Still playing 60's rock tunes. 73's, (Noble West, TN, Monitoring Equipment used: RX: Sangean ATS818ACS, ATX: Radioshack Pocket SWL Antenna 23 feet reelout type Brainman Media, TN, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Electronic Mail Addresses for Stations:
<http://piratedatabase.webhop.net>
http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcpp76tx_0htdfscft

Be sure to check us out on Facebook, and send in your logs.
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Free-Radio-Weekly/356592073251>
That's it for this week (Ragnar Daneskjold, Free Radio Weekly Aug 28 via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. One OK TV note upon returning to Enid: as promised, KWTW, CBS in OKC, has quit RF channel 9 for 39 as of Aug 31 after months of simulcasting --- except as noted Sept 2 afternoon and evening UT Sept 3, 9 is still on the air as OldKWTW, but with this constant slide, text centered, and silent audio:

((((NO PROGRAMMING)))

On this Channel

If you're receiving NEWS 9 on 9.1 and 9.2, please disregard this message. If not, please rescan your channels.

Have questions or need help rescanning, please call

405.841.9199

NEWS 9 [logo]

We get this by entering 9.3, while both 9.1 and 9.2 lead to RF 39 (Glenn Hauser, OK, NM and TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See also U S A for gh's trip log including many OK FM and AM items

** OMAN. 576, 26 AUG, 2137 UT, Radio Sultanate of Oman, with radio play and announcements by male and female talent. 100 kW with fair signals but a deep fade every few minutes. No sign of the 750 kW

Iranian station supposed to be on this channel. Bonus! (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. QSL: BBC Relay Station A'Seela, 1413, full data letter from VT Merlin Communications via email in 21 days for airmail report and US \$5.00 return postage. V/s Afrah Al Orimi and the email address for them is: opsaseela @ yahoo.com (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 9760, Radio Sultanate of Oman ñ Thumrait (Presumed), 0200, 8/29/10, in Arabic. Announcer with correspondent reports (apparent news.) Fair (Mark Taylor, Madison WI, Winradio g313e, Eton E1, Satellit 800, G5, Kaito 1103; Alpha Delta Sloper, Flexenna, EWE, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Rarely if ever reported frequency, but it is registered at 0000-0200, 100 kW, 315 degrees to Europe and consequently NAM beyond. However, unless you are positive it was in Arabic, I think it was more likely you were hearing scheduled R. Liberty in Tajik via Biblis, GERMANY, at 0100-0300, 100 kW, 85 degrees (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN [and non]. 1332, 25 AUG, 2153 UT, PBC, call-in show, // 1341, 1404. Stomping signal with 100 kW but having a real showdown with co-channel Iran at 300 kW. The resulting mix was fading up and down on about a cyclic 2-minute interval. One really has to question whether Iran really needs all these frequencies and high power transmitters.

1341, 25 AUG, 2150 UT, PBC, call-in show with many Aleikum Salaam's and excited callers. Many mentions of Pakistan. Very good signals and occasional deep fade. Also only 10 kW per WRTH.

1404, 25 AUG, 2134 UT, PBC, Long-winded talks by male announcer with several telephone calls. Several ID's. Presumed on late for Ramadan or because of the flooding. Good signals and alone on the channel at this time. Some deep fades. WRTH lists as 10 kW (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. UNHEARD IN BALOCHISTAN --- . . . Things have changed for the worse since 1956 when the Quetta station of Radio Pakistan was established, says Rashid Baloch, a producer and broadcaster. In those days, everybody remained glued to the radio, says Baloch.

And in 1961, the government installed the short wave transmitter extending transmission throughout the province. The transmission

could be received in some Gulf countries as well,î says Rashid.

Until three years ago, Radio Pakistan Quetta had a short-wave transmitter [5025v] which covered the entire province and received a good response from the listeners. When the short waves were removed and just the medium wave transmitters were retained, radio signals became too weak to be heard in remote places. The transmitters have completed their life and even the companies which developed them have closed down.

îThe transmitters merely cover Quetta now,î says Rashid, who has to work as producer in several programmes owing to the lack of manpower at the radio station. Though representatives of the radio are present in every tehsil, they cannot create awareness until strong transmitters are installed, he points out.

Meanwhile, the listeners send letters asking for the resumption of radio channels. îA few years back, we used to receive around 30,000 letters about our programmes,î says Rashid, adding that now they cannot even inform villagers about any expected natural disaster. . . (from <http://tribune.com.pk/story/42864/unheard-in-balochistan/> via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. [Re 10-33, Karachi site - no progress] In 2009 - the two new transmitters were on site, and that the old transmitting hall was stripped of all of the old equipment. Preparations were being made to install the new transmitters when the work was completed. I don't know where the transmitters have come from, but like you, would guess that the revolving antennas will be French.

Since then, Aslam Javaid wrote earlier this year that the antenna system had NOT been ordered, and that approval was awaited before this could be done. I suppose the antennas will need to be constructed and then shipped to Karachi for installation, and this will take even more time. Yes, there are MW transmitters on the same site, and the masts visible in your excellent photographs will be them. The smaller self supporting tower looks like a communications system (it can be seen in both photo's), while the rest appear to be power lines.

Originally there was one MW, 2 x 10 kW SW and 2 x 50 kW SW. Call signs were APK for MW and APK-2-5 for SW. As far as I can remember, the two 10 kW SW were used only for internal services, and the two 50 kW were used towards India, Ceylon and BGD / the ME and Turkey and to WeEUR. I'm not sure now if the EaAfrica services (Swahili and Gujarati plus some English) came from Karachi or Rewat.

Perhaps the old antenna system at Landhi had been allowed to fall into disrepair, or would not have been suitable for the new 100 kW. And

BTW, the "new" API-9 unit at Rewat was apparently one that had been delivered many years ago for Azad Kashmir Radio at a place called Mirpur and never used. This according to Aslam Javaid. It is no longer listed, so assumed to be inactive. When it was tested it put out a nice clean signal, but was only used for a few hours each day (Noel Green-UK, Aug 14, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 25 via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3905, Radio New Ireland, 0959-1010, 28-August-2010, in Tok Pisin/English. 0959, Pop music, 1000, male announcer with station ID, time, freq. announcement, followed by news items in English. Signal: Fair, some amateur QRM at times (Ed Wlodarski, N2ED, New Jersey, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

3905, NBC New Ireland, 1221-1300, September 1. DJ with dedications in Tok Pisin playing all pop island songs; promo for iN-B-C Islandsî dedication show; 1300 bird call; iGood night Papua New Guinea. The News Roundup. Iím Dave Ôî (investigation into the plane crash that killed 4, etc.). This was the best PNG station heard today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 3329.49, R. Ondas del Huallaga, Spanish, 1115, talk by man with local time check, huaynos. No sign of CHU. 20 August.

4746.952, Huanta Dos Mil, Spanish, 1115, fair with local ads, mensajes by a man, then comments by a woman. Very good. 21 August.

4774.987, R. Tarma, Spanish, 1200, news or similar by man, many ments of "Peru." Fair despite CODAR. 20 August.

4789.93, Radio VisiÛn, Spanish, 1040, man reading scriptures with response from the congregation. Fair to good with Fak Fak off. 21 August.

4857.452, Radio La Hora, Spanish, 1150, fair with mensajes by a man, talk about Cusco. Utility traffic lowside. 20 August.

5039.23, Radio Libertad, Spanish, 1125, good with "yippie" huaynos. CODAR QRM. 20 August.

5486.55, Reina de la Selva, Spanish, 1134, man with mensajes, time check as, "...son las 7 menos 26 minutos." Fair despite OTH. 20 August (David Sharp, NSW, Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, Palstar MW550, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. 13810 to 14200 kHz, DWL DRM Sines noise. The DRM transmitter "Deutsche Welle" (on 13810 kHz) in Sines / Portugal is

producing a strong noise shield up to 14200 kHz. Date: Aug. 31st - 2010; Time: 0945 UTC - signal strength on 14000 kHz: S9!!! The German PTT has been informed. Attach: Perseus sonagram (Wolf Hadel-D DK20M, intruder alert Sept 1 via BC-DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** PORTUGAL [and non]. 21655, Sept 1 at 1331, fair with Portuguese music; OSOB, not even Spain audible on 21610, 21570 or 21540. Unusual, since RDPI is scheduled on 21655 this early only on weekends and this was midweek. By 1355 the only station on band had become Libya on 21695, very poor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. Pridnestrovye Moldova Radio (PMR) 9665 at 0115 with chime IS then German, heavily accented. Sked per EiBi is 0000-0200 M-F in 15m blocks in the following languages-Eng/Fr/Ger/Eng/Fr/Ger/Fr/Ger. But English heard at 0130 on 29 August [sic; means UT Monday 30 August when posted --- gh] and Spanish at 0145. Good reception (Liz Cameron, MI, Shortwave Obsession: <http://alera.tripod.com> - Radioblond Blog: <http://radioblond.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. Thanks Liz. Same Grigoriopol Maiac transmitter also powerful on air in 41 mb.

MOLDOVA/RUSSIA, 7285, V of Russia via Grigoriopol-Maiac Moldova, World Rossii service, S=9+30dB powerhouse. 0230 UT, Aug 30. Technologicheskii novosti program, new space center platform on Amur, new planned aerospace station.

\\ 7270 - same Russian service via Yerevan Gavar Armenia, stronger than Grigoriopol at S=9+40dB level. 0250 UT Aug 30. Technology and science program.

Compared level of VoRUS English sce via 7440 Lviv-Krasne-Ukraine only fluttering at S=8-9 strength (Wolfgang Buschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 30, via dxldyg via DXLD)

Radio PMR, 9665 0000-0200 on 1 Sept. Language order tonight was Eng/Fr/Ger/Eng/Fr/Ger/Eng/Ger, unlike Spanish at 0145-0200 on Monday, 30 Aug. I certainly hope my ears were right on Monday. I did not get a chance to listen on 31 Aug. The English programs are the same; on 1 Sept, a program about the Russian army and the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Just before 0200, pretty jazz tune, then the V of Russia (Liz Cameron, Sept 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 5930, GTRK Kamchatka, 0710-0800, August 27. Heard their local/regional programming iRadio Rossii Kamchatkaï via the Yelizovo transmitter site on the Kamchatka peninsula; long interview; BoH the usual iThis is Kamchatkaï followed by the news; long dramatization.

Started out poor; slowly improved. It is a shame that there is the ever present hum/motor-boating sounding transmitter which is interfering with itself; otherwise would be fair reception (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. VOR. Russian. Programme Club DX New schedule From 30 August 2010:

Saturday 1933 ñ 612, 630, 648, 693, 1089, 1143, 1143, 1413, 1431, 1503, 7310

Monday 0836 ñ 999, 9850 (DRM)

Monday 2236 ñ 999, 6145

Tuesday 0215 ñ 648, 972, 1503, 7270, 7285, 15585, 15735(DRM)
(from <http://www.dxing.ru/content/view/1263/1/> Aleksandr Diadischev / iopen_dxî via RusDX via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. UVB-76 is active. --- You've probably gotten lots of emails about this already, but the Russian Buzzer on 4625 khz is broadcasting Cyrillic Morse code.

Here is a link to a recording of the transmission:

http://filesmelt.com/downloader/trans3morse-03-33pm_eastern.mp3

Here's also a link to a site where people can listen to it online:

<http://uvb-76.blogspot.com/>

The following is the the text from someone on a private message board I am a member of:

"I am in the process of deciphering the morse code into Russian and then translating that into English. What I can BARELY make out between about 6 truck horns after slowing it down 500 times and amplifying to 250 percent is this:

..--..--.....-..---

This has the following possible translation which leads me to believe it is definitely ciphered:

Cyrillic: ,???

English: ,bfj

The comma could in fact be a proxy form of apostrophe. In Russian the apostrophe can be used to signal stress on certain parts of the word (which is essential to understanding someone). Zdrastvoy can mean something completely different from Zdrastvoy. They would be represented as 'Zdrastvoy and Zdrast'voy respectively.

That is my optimism for starting with a comma. I could also be spacing

the reading wrong, but I'll try several different methods of spacing and hope that they make sense in the end. The results will take considerably longer since Mafia II was just released on Steam. I might not be done for a day or two. I will get it done though.

I'm having a lot of trouble hearing parts of the code due to the signal masking foghorns/static and the morse progressively getting softer. I can only make out bits and pieces. If anybody here is an audio technician/expert please PM me."

The same person on the board who's trying to translate this also pointed out in another post:

"UVB stopped on 06/06/10 for a while. Around the time those Russian spies were uncovered in the U.S."

There is also a voice transmission being heard, but I currently don't know what it was, or what it would mean in Angliysky (via April Ferguson, August 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MYSTERIOUS RUSSIAN 'BUZZER' RADIO BROADCAST CHANGES

The output of a mysterious radio station in Russia, which has been broadcasting the same monotonous signal almost continuously for 20 years, has suddenly changed.

Numbers stations are shortwave radio stations that broadcast computer-generated voices reading numbers, words, letters or Morse code. Their purpose has never been uncovered, but evidence from spy cases suggests that they're used to broadcast coded information to secret agents.

Over the past week or so, the output of one particular station that broadcasts from near Povarovo, Russia, increased dramatically. The station has a callsign of UVB-76, but is known as "The Buzzer" by its listeners because of the short, monotonous buzz tone that it normally plays 21 to 34 times per minute. It's only deviated from that signal three times previously -- briefly in 1997, 2002 and 2006.

In early August, a garbled recording of a voice speaking Russian was heard by listeners. A few days later, on 23 August at 1335 UT, a clearer voice read out the following message twice: "UVB-76, UVB-76 ó 93 882 naimina 74 14 35 74 ó 9 3 8 8 2 nikolai, anna, ivan, michail, ivan, nikolai, anna, 7, 4, 1, 4, 3, 5, 7, 4", before returning to its normal broadcasting.

Since then, a number of other distorted voices have appeared over the normal buzzing transmission, as well as knocks and shuffles, as if someone were moving things around inside the broadcasting room. It's

believed that the transmission site has an open microphone, which occasionally picks up sounds from technicians working within the broadcast site.

Various fans of the station have begun the process of trying to decode the signal. Interpreting the numbers as co-ordinates gives a location in the middle of the Barents Sea, between Norway and Russia, where there's large scale oil and gas production, and where the Russian army plans to test antiaircraft missiles in the near future. Others suspect that it might be a transmission that signals the availability of another system -- like a dead man's switch, possibly even for Russia's Cold War-era Dead Hand fail-deadly system, which was to trigger ICBM launches if a nuclear strike from the United States was detected. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, it may have been repurposed (Wired.com via Sept Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

1 Comment on iMysterious Russian ðbuzzerí radio broadcast changesî
1. #1 Kai Ludwig on Aug 25th, 2010 at 22:50

<http://sites.google.com/site/stationuvb76/january-2009>

This is a copy of the original material from a Geocities site, like most other ones meanwhile deleted by Yahoo. Much more has been written about this signal in Russian, but this is just a succinct English summary of all relevant details.

Another detail, perhaps of particular interest to broadcasters, is that the transmission facilities have for some time also being used on 990 kHz for Radio Zvezda, the radio station of the Russian forces broadcasting service, until it moved for Moscow area to 95.6 MHz (Media Network blog comment via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 12065, August 29: Heard short news bulletin at 1330, then "Christian Message from Moscow"; fair level. This is VOR from Chita site, 500 kW/205 degrees; also used at 1100 in English, 12 in Vietnamese (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 11297 USB, 29 AUG, 1558 UT, Saint Petersburg VOLMET, Female in Russian with ground weather. Good signals without QRM (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Interesting item in Amateur Radio Newsline

6 METER QRM LINKED TO EAST EUROPE TV

Talk about a strange and unwanted 6 meter beacon. The IARU Region 1 Monitoring System reports on a humming noise in the 50 MHz band that

sounds like a defective power supply. It's most often heard during Sporadic-E openings and turn out to be carriers from East-European TV transmitters.

Wolfgang Hadel, DK2OM, was the one who actually found the carrier. Using a Wavecom 61 monitor DK2OM also located the related audio portion of the transmissions in wideband FM 5 MHz higher in frequency. (IARUMS) (via Frederick R. Vobbe, W8H DU, Aug 24, WTFDA via DXLD)

Not surprising really. Ch R1 vision carrier is nominally 49.750 MHz (used by Russia and many ex Soviet Bloc countries still) and there will be lots and lots of 50 Hz video "buzzes" going up into the 50 MHz band when a strong video signal is present. Audio is on 56.25 MHz. Lefty K1TOL in Maine uses R1 as a transatlantic propagation indicator.

As I understand it a lot of the R1 stations will keep going for some years to come (Hugh Hoover, Portugal, ibid.)

Sounds like Wolfgang is a bit behind the times or this is a thinly disguised press release for Wavecom!

50 Hz sidebands spreading up from R1, the East European TV channel on 49.75 are part and parcel of a good opening to the east. Anyone on 6m in Europe knows what this is and even if you didn't you'd only have to tune down watching each peak get stronger till you hit the nominal around 49.75 MHz to discover the origin, you certainly don't need a few hundred quid of analyser to work this one out. Just for the record, the sound carrier is actually +6.5 MHz (A bemused Paul Logan, Northern Ireland, <http://www.ukdx.org.uk> <http://www.youtube.com/Aceblaggard> ibid.)

** SAINT HELENA. New Country For Me - St Helena. Hi, Received my QSL this afternoon for last year's broadcast. Nice card with pictures of coat of arms, map, people at station? and some buildings. Full details with QSL-Nr 238. Power shown as 1000 watts. Unfortunately the letter has been in the rain today and the card got wet causing the writing to smear and fade - there is a purple tinge all over the card where there writing on the front of the envelope bled through the envelope. Very happy about this one. Next broadcast coming up on the 9th October. Regards, (Wayne Bastow, Wyoming, NSW, Australia, Aug 23, ARDXC via DXLD)

** SAIPAN. 9465 KFBS. Radio Teos program in Russian at 1400 on 4/8 was heard and giving the address: PO Box 106, 119019 Moscow Russia (Rumen Pankov, Sofia Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 648, 26 AUG, 2236 UT, BSKSA general program with news

and PSAs. Good signals and at 2000 kW, pretty much the only thing heard on-channel.

1440, 25 AUG, 2116 UT, BSKSA, with General Service in Arabic. Talks with light music. Powerhouse signal and smothering everything else on channel (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, S.I.B.C. at 1158, man in Tok Pisin, Country music, 1202 Christian devotional message and prayer, 1205 woman with iYou have been listening to the Solomon Islands Broadacsting Corporation, Radio Hapi Isles.î, frequencies. Closing with national anthem. Poor, Aug 24. (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening pre-dawn from my car. Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Juergen Moebius, der beim deutschsprachigen Dienst von Radio RSA gearbeitet hat, ist tot. Er verstarb nach laengerer Krankheit am 27. Juli 2010 in Berlin, wo er seit einigen Jahren lebte. Radio RSA, das 1967 bis 1990 in Deutsch sendete, gehoerte in jenen Jahren trotz des Apartheidregimes zu den beliebtesten deutschsprachigen Auslandsdiensten (Gerhard Maerz-AFS, via Dr. Hansjoerg Biener-D, ntt Aug 29 via BCDX via DXLD) Obit

** SPAIN. REE, 11795 at 0115-0145 in Sefardi on 31 August. Nice music, beautiful language. Tues. only. Several mentions of Sefardi and Judea (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 6005, SLBC, Ekala. Starting with ID in English and playing the NA at 0055 (here is 0355 am) program parade and news in English from 0102. Covered by V of Turkey on 9770 and not heard on 15745. At the end of the program at 0457 with ID and NA and close/down at 0503 reported only on 15745 on 22/8 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, 29 AUG, 1529 UT, SLBC, start of Hindi program to India. Many IDs in English (!) by male and female announcers as: "This is Radio Ceylon calling to India." Male announcer gave local FM rundown and seemed to get a little lost as to where the tx'ers were located. Program went into local music and Hindi. Powerhouse signals with very little interference way underneath and slight fading. Four years and I am *still* trying to get a QSL out of these guys. It's just complete non-response. :-((Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWITZERLAND [non]. The "Merry Go Round" special from Switzerland In Sound will air on WRMI at 2200 UT Monday. Hear the Two Bobs on

shortwave! On shortwave (9955 kHz) and webcast ñ (via Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Swprograms mailing list, Aug 23, via DXLD)

Can you receive WRMI where you live in PA? Can anyone who reads this list? All I get is jamming here. Plus I believe the station's transmitter [sic; antenna] is only partially repaired and can only orient toward the south (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, *ibid.*)

John, I think you need to be in the ground wave area of WRMI to hear it! 73s (Bill Bergadano, KA2EMZ, *ibid.*)

I tried a couple times last week without success in the late afternoon (now ducking for cover). But the webcast comes through fine. R (Rich Cuff, PA, *ibid.*)

** TAIWAN. Hi Glenn, Have been monitoring 11565 the last 2 weeks from 1600 up until R Ashna signs on at 1630. The station recorded below has been coming on at 1600 Mons and Thurs only (thus far). Last week it was uninterrupted but yesterday it was jammed. I'm assuming it's SOH but if any group members could help with IDing it would be much appreciated.

The link below is what was heard last night. I've cut out some of the white noise which covered it after about 2 mins

<http://www.box.net/shared/x3gb3hiiua>

73's (Mark Davies, Isle of Anglesey, Wales, Aug 24, dxldyg via DXLD)

Aoki shows: 11570 SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng 1600-1630 1234567 Chinese 100 131 Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E3829N SOH a10 11560-11590

So 11565 is within the variable range. The end of your recording is certainly Firedrake (gh, DXLD)

** THAILAND. 15275, Radio Thailand, *0000-0029, August 28, sign on with opening English ID announcements and into news at 0001. Station promos. Ad for local restaurant. Dropped to a threshold level at 0029 when they switched their antenna beam heading towards Western N. Am. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** TUNISIA. 9725, 29 AUG, 1642 UT, RTV Tunisienne, Sfax with long Arabic talk by man, mentioning "Iftar," which is the first meal after sundown, I believe, and also a mention of Pakistan and Tunis. Good signals, minimal adjacent channel QRM from Voice of Vietnam on 9730 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Radio TRT or T,rkiye Radio and TV has extraordinary broadcasts and was reported on August 22 at 20 hours on 5960, 9460 and

702 kHz with a sports program and on 954 and 891 kHz with another music program. On August 23 there were broadcasts from this station from 0330 hours on 702, 954 and 891 kHz. These frequencies haven't been used for a long time with small exceptions of 702 kHz.

Source: Radio Bulgaria: DX programme August 27, 2010

<http://bit.ly/aklrZt> (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

15450, VOT, JBA, Sept 2 at 1240; by 1318 could make out some music. So was there a Live from Turkey this Thursday? This time the 02.09 audio file was up by 1730, so I check it: no, program summary says after the news there would just be Agenda, Balkan Agenda, and Question of the Month (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. TAH Istanbul Radio, 8431, full-data letter QSL in 56 days for airmail report and US \$1.00 return postage. V/s Mehmet Colak, Director of Turk Radio. Address used: Kiyi Emniyete Gemi Kurtarma, Isletmeleri Genel M_d_r_l_g_., Telsiz Isletme M_d_r_l_g_., Sefak^y / Istanbul 34630. Their email address is: telsiz@kiyiemniyeti.gov.tr (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. UBC Radio noted at 2118 August 13 on 7195. There was strong atmospheric noise that evening and I had to wait until 2306 to hear a "This is UBC Radio" identification. Programme was mainly songs, both Western and African, SINPO was 33232. Heard again at 0001 August 21 with mainly songs including Wild World by Maxi Priest (or Jimmy Cliff?) with a reggae flavour. SINPO was 33433 and the station was still there at 0200. Both these loggings were on Friday night/Saturday morning and I haven't heard the station on other days (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Bill Musoke, 5X1JM, in Kampala says that he had "a very useful meeting with the Frequency Manager today (August 25) who made me write a formal complaint and he promised to follow it up with the field monitoring unit. He will also review the articles in the ITU Manual that deal with the said bandwidth." (Intruder alert via Wolfgang Bueschel, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

4975.95, Radio Uganda, 2117, English, good with hiliife and talk by a man. First time I have heard this in many days. All alone with no sign of Voice of Russia relay. 21 August.

7194.99, Radio Uganda, 1914, English, presumed with news or similar (alternating stories between a man and a woman). Fair at best with poor modulation. Much weaker than 4976v. 20 August (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, Palstar MW550, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4975.98, 2130-2201* Sat 21.08, UBC Radio, Kampala, English and vernacular phone-in, "Sound of the Nation", host asked: "Whom are you dancing with ?", Afropop in between, prolonged schedule. Abrupt s/off in the middle of a sentence, 45444. Also heard Sunday 22.08 2030-2115, but off at 2148. Back from 7195 which was not heard.

7195.00. 2115-2210 and 0150-0230 Friday [sic] 21.08, UBC Radio, Kampala, English frequent canned ID by female: "This is UBC Radio", but else non-stop pop songs all night! On this frequency ex 4976, but occasional QRM from hams calling "CQ DX", 43443 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

4976, R. Uganda, Kampala, 2115-2132 (gone at recheck, 2148), 22 Aug'10, Vernacular, Afr. music; 45433. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Uganda daytime 7195, nighttime 4976v. Broadcast intruder which seems to be Radio Uganda again heard on 7195 kHz at 0915Z on Friday 27th August. 73, (Ted 5Z4NU (portable at Kilifi, 36 miles north of Mombasa). Aug 27, via BCDX via DXLD)

Radio Uganda has left 7195 kHz, is now on 4975.9 kHz QSA5. Ted, Thanks for the additional information. We look forward to further confirmation that Uganda has indeed moved from 7195 kHz completely. 73, (Chuck Skolaut K+B0G Field & Regulatory Correspondent, ARRL The national association for Amateur Radio <k0bog @ arrl.org> Aug 25, ibid.)

Hello Chuck, Many thanks for your kind remarks, but really credit is all due to Bill 5X1JM in Kampala, I merely passed on the news to him. He has now had a formal acknowledgment from UCC who are still investigating, and we are also awaiting their consent to amateur use in Uganda of the 7100 7200 kHz segment of the band. We have that in Kenya, thankfully, but as far as I know not yet in Tanzania, Burundi or Rwanda, who are all part of the EA Community. 73, (Ted 5Z4NU Aug 25, ibid., via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

Dear Ted, this is indeed very good news. Pse convey my best thanks to Bill Musoke 5X1JM as his complaints and reports to the Ugandan authorities worked: Effective 21 August 2010 UBC Radio Uganda has left 7195 kHz and QSY'd to 4975.9 kHz.

Already on August 20 I had sent emails and a FAX to the Ugandan Embassy in Berlin and to UBD in Kampala. Of course no reply, so far!

I have heard the transmissions of UBC on 4975.9 kHz myself last night at 2104 UT. The signal was S=9 with my 80- and 40-m-dipole (Inverted Vee and \\\ to each other, favourite direction north-south). Modulation

was hollow and always a bit distorted. Bcos of the "crooked" QRG it is easy to hit the correct frequency easily. Have a try!

Tnx agn for your effort, pse QSP to Bill 5X1JM, and all the best yours, Uli, DJ9KR Vice Coordinator of IARU MonSys Intruder Watch Region 1 (Intruder Watch Organisations) via BCDX Sept 1 via DXLD)

** UGANDA [non]. via France, 15410, Radio Y'Abadanga, Ababaka, *1700-1715+, August 28, sign on with African Choral music. Talk in listed Swahili at 1701. Many mentions of Uganda. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** UKRAINE. Sabato 21 agosto 2010, 0946 - 11558 + 11682 kHz, Spurie di R. Ukraine 11620 kHz. Anche nei giorni successivi (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** U A E [and non]. 1269, 25 AUG, 2205 UT, Radio Asia, UAE with Hindi/Malay pops, several canned IDs and no DJ. Presumed automation. Poor signals this morning and a fluttery fade. 200 kW from Ras al Khaima.

1539, 25 AUG, 2052 UT, UAE (US), Radio Aap Ki Dunya, with roundtable discussion in Urdu. Must have been a political talk because one of the participants was shouting angrily, and I could almost imagine him foaming at the mouth. Good signals with some moderate fading. Germany's 700 kW Evangeliums-Rundfunk heard occasionally underneath, but very weak.

1575, 25 AUG, 2037 UT, UAE (US), Radio Farda, regional 800 kW powerhouse running ME pop music and occasional DJ patter. Good signals with occasional deep fades (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire / Randomwire, Palstar MW-550P Mediumwave Preselector, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BAD NEWS COMING FOR BBC WS? Dear Mr. Hauser, I spotted this tucked away in yesterday's Mail on Sunday newspaper, published in London. Could this be the end of the BBC World Service as we know it? Do you know any more? Yours sincerely, (Martin Levene, London, Aug 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

GOVERNMENT PULLS RANK AS WORLD SERVICE FACES CUTS OF 40 PER CENT
By MAIL ON SUNDAY REPORTER

The BBC is embroiled in a row with the Government over cuts in funding for the World Service. Officials at the Foreign Office have told the BBC to expect a reduction of up to 40 per cent in its annual £280 million budget.

BBC sources say transmissions in Russia and Central and South America face the axe as executives have decided to prioritise broadcasts in regions of greater geopolitical significance, including poverty-stricken Africa, the politically troubled Middle East and Asia, with its increasingly influential commercial markets.

The World Service --- which broadcasts to 180 million people globally every week --- began broadcasting to English-speaking former colonies in 1932.

A senior BBC source said: ``These cuts will have a major impact on how Britain is viewed around the world.

'We have regular coaches of misty-eyed Russians turning up at Bush House [the World Service London HQ] eager to see the institution that helped to sustain them through the Cold War.'`

It is understood the BBC will announce the end of broadcasts to Russia and Latin America in October when the Government finalises its spending review.

A BBC spokesman said: ``We are engaging with the Foreign Office as part of the Government's spending review. We continue to argue confidently for the BBC World Service as one of Britain's most effective national assets.'`

A Foreign Office spokesman refused to comment before the spending review announcement.

Read more:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1305133/Im-moving-North-says-BBC-HR-boss--190-000-year-executive-quits-joins-growing-number-BBC-refuseniks-want-stay-South.html#ixzz0xRA3HKud>

+ scroll to bottom of page (via Martin Levene, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

Closing Russian would be too bad, but Latin American service has already been decimated, nothing but the token M-F 12-13 in Spanish and English via WHRI 9410, GUIANA FRENCH 11860 (gh, DXLD)

The cautionary phrase. "Penny-wise, but pound foolish" was made for situations like this. Not to get overly political here, but the also apt phrase, "Follow the money", applies here (and in assessing the general global financial situation) too. Yet, no one seems to be asking, let alone answering, that question. The money didn't disappear into thin air. So, where precisely has it all gone? (John Figliozi, Halfmoon, NY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

...and now (adding insult to injury) 15400 via Ascension is down (Aug 23 at 1915), with an endless annoying tape loop advising that there are "no programs on this channel at present." Since when? I still count on Auntie and RNW for decent news coverage of my own country; hope 15400 -- which may be their flagship SW freq -- is up soon and this isn't an unpleasant taste of Things To Come. Very 73 de (Anne Fanelli in Elma NY, IBID.)

15400 still wacko Aug 23 at 1935 --- Now 15400 is in language (Arabic? Ramadan programming?) at 1935 retune Monday Aug 23. Judging by signal strength and modulation it's Ascension. What on earth is going on? I emailed BBCWS from their website and got an automated response; it'll probably take 'em a week to get my email :-). 73 again de (Anne Fanelli in feels-like-Monday Elma NY, ibid.)

Firstly I am surprised a UK citizen is asking a US radio enthusiast about a UK broadcaster's financial woes. Strange? Even stranger is the story has been floating around for nearly 3 months, when the Government first announced a massive reduction in spending.

The answer to John Figliozzi's "where's the money gone?" is simply 'The tap (of money) has got to be "turned down"'.

ALL "public funded operations" (Central and local Govt, and public bodies) in the UK have been asked to submit plans for radical reductions in their spending. This is in answer to the economic climate. Any more comment would be totally off topic (Keith Bradbury, UK, ibid.)

**** U K. ENHANCED WEBSITE NAVIGATION FOR BBC RADIO 4**

BBC Radio 4 has upgraded their website navigation options...now there are handy ways to parse programme titles alphabetically and by category; there also are shortcuts to some key Radio 4 programs such as Today, Front Row, and In Our Time.

Since we in North America generally can only listen to a single week's worth of programming from the on-demand archive, one should check into the Radio 4 website to see what's new...I find I can never keep up with all the good programming choices available there.

The non-news programming we cherished on the World Service still comprises a significant part of Radio 4 content, even though the programs themselves are different ñ (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Aug 23, swprograms via DXLD)

**** U K. ANDY KERSHAW RETURNS TO BBC RADIO**

From BBC News: DJ Andy Kershaw is to return to BBC radio with a new music series that ties in with BBC One show Human Planet. He will host Music Planet, which BBC Radio 3 calls its "most significant and ambitious world music project ever".

Kershaw and co-presenter Lucy Duran will travel around the world to record "extraordinary music" in "isolated locations" visited by the BBC One show.

The presenter had been off the air for two years, after a series of well-documented personal problems. These culminated in the DJ being jailed in 2008 for breaking a restraining order which banned him from seeing Juliette Banner - the mother of his two children. He was later given a suspended six-month sentence for again breaching a restraining order.

Human Planet is described by the BBC as a "landmark natural history series", filmed in about 80 locations and exploring "man's remarkable ingenuity and success as a species". The companion series will visit Switzerland, Peru, Madagascar, Kenya, Greenland and Mali to explore people's musical traditions.

Highlights include the sounds of the Bat People of Papua New Guinea, the mystical voices of the shamans of Mongolia and Greenland's "katajja", a vocal contest between two women with songs that involve throat singing and imitating animal cries.

In a statement, Kershaw, 50, said: "I am thrilled to be back on Radio 3 working again with a team of bright, imaginative, enthusiastic, people who also happen to be dear friends.

"Nowhere on earth is safe again from my attentions. So far we have - literally - hacked through mountain jungles to bring Music Planet listeners extraordinary music from some of the world's most isolated locations.

"And I cheerily risked incineration at a rocket festival in Thailand to take our Radio 3 audience into the fiery thick of the action."

Human Planet and Music Planet will air on the BBC this autumn (via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U K. BBC HAD iMASSIVE BIAS TO LEFTî: DIRECTOR GENERAL

The director general of the BBC admitted today that his organisation had been guilty of a imassive bias to the leftî but said ia completely different generationî of journalists now works at the broadcaster.

Mark Thompson told the right-of-centre Spectator magazine that there was an institutional bias when he joined the organisation, reinforcing the findings of a 2007 internal report which concluded that greater efforts were required to avoid liberal bias.

“In the BBC I joined 30 years ago, there was, in much of current affairs, in terms of people’s personal politics, which were quite vocal, a massive bias to the left,” Mr Thompson said. “The organisation did struggle then with impartiality. And journalistically, staff were quite mystified by the early years of Thatcher. Now it is a completely different generation. There is much less overt tribalism among the young journalists who work for the BBC,” he added.

Outlining his hopes for the relationship between the national broadcaster and the new Conservative-led coalition government, Mr Thompson said: “What we want is an effective and businesslike relationship with government - it’s not about personal relations.”

(Source: AFP)(September 2nd, 2010 - 11:52 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** U K. BBC STAFF VOTE MASSIVELY FOR STRIKE OVER PENSIONS

In ballots which closed at lunchtime today more than 90 per cent of the members of the BBC’s three main unions - BECTU, NUJ and Unite - have supported calls both for strike action and for action short of strike in opposition to the corporation’s plans for drastic cuts to staff pensions. BBC management say the changes are needed to try to tackle a huge pension deficit of more than £1.5 billion.

Joint union representatives from the across the country met in London this afternoon to consider the ballot results and to receive a briefing on the talks which continued with BBC management during August. As a result of this briefing, union representatives have decided that those talks should continue until mid-September when the BBC has said it will table alternative proposals. Any announcement on strike dates will be deferred until that time.

(Source: BECTU, NUJ and Unite)(September 1st, 2010 - 15:57 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** U K. Glenn: In case no one has brought this to your attention, this afternoon’s BBC “Newshour” referenced a Russian clandestine shortwave broadcast. The announcer asked listeners go to the BBC Newshour Facebook page for more information.
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BBC-Newshour/300141203835?ref=ts&v=wall>
(Charles Harlich, Aug 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC Radio 3 - Morse and Music --- September 1, 2010
See SHORTWAVE MUSIC below the ~~~~~ line

** U S A [non]. VOA Tibetan via Lampertheim switching of two frequency
on 15200 (ex 15605) and 15425 kHz.

1400-1500 7465, 11510, 11975

15200 (Su, Tu, Th, Sa)

15425 (Mo. We, Fr)

Countermeasures with China-Jamming? de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Aug 30,
dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. P.J. O'ROURKE: RFE/RL'S RADIO AZADI HAS "NO AGENDA
EXCEPT TO BE FACTUAL." Posted: 24 Aug 2010

The Weekly Standard, 30 August 2010 issue, P.J. O'Rourke: "There must
be something in Afghanistan that we've got right. There is. Radio
Azadi, the Afghan bureau of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, is on the
air 12 hours a day, seven days a week, half the time in Pashto, half
the time in Dari. What Radio Azadi does is known as 'surrogate
broadcasting,' meaning the content is Afghan-produced as a way for
Afghans to get news and views in a place where otherwise they have to
be delivered mostly face-to-face. And there is no agenda except to be
factual (although facts are an agenda item if you care about freedom,
which is what Azadi means in Dari). ... The Pashtun tribal leader
said, 'Azadi is doing very well because they are telling the facts.'
He griped that other media were insensitive to religion and culture.
... The governor [of an Afghan province] ... recalled the days before
Radio Azadi, during Taliban rule, when the only outside media was the
BBC Afghan service. 'The Taliban told people that they would go to
hell if they listened to the BBC. Then everyone listened.'"
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

A typically funny P.J. O'Rourke essay, although it has sort of a
Huckleberry Finn ending.

Radio Azadi deserves all the praise that O'Rourke heaped upon it. He,
however, made no mention of Radio Ashna, VOA's service to Afghanistan,
in Dari and Pashto eight hours a day on the same medium wave and FM
frequencies as Radio Azadi. Unless Radio Ashna is one of the "other
media" that are "insensitive to religion or culture."

In the "days before Radio Azadi," the BBC Afghan Service was not the
only outside medium. The VOA Dari and Pashto services were active
during the Taliban rule. In fact, a 1999 survey of Afghan males showed
that 80 percent of them listened weekly to VOA. VOA was rewarded for
this success by the creation, in 2002, of Radio Free Afghanistan,
local name Radio Azadi, under RFE/RL.

(Also before Radio Azadi, during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, was another Radio Free Afghanistan, 1985-1993, under RFE/RL, supporting some of the people that the present Radio Free Afghanistan opposes.)

Surely the deafening silence about VOA Radio Ashna can't be attributed to lax reporting. O'Rourke used the words tribe or tribal about 45 times in his article. US international broadcasting is also tribal. By way of the O'Rourke essay, praising Azadi and ignoring Ashna, the Azadi tribe stole a few of the Ashna tribe's PR points. The fraternal entities under the Broadcasting Board of Governors support, commend, and congratulate each other, and wish each other to jump off a cliff.

See previous post about P.J. O'Rourke's visit to RFE/RL in Prague.
(Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A. More about the Chairman of the BBG --- The US website AllGov has published a profile of Walter Isaacson, recently confirmed by the Senate as the new chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Read the profile
http://www.allgov.com/Appointments_and_Resignations/ViewNews/Chairman_of_Broadcasting_Board_of_Governors__Who_is_Walter_Isaacson_1008210
(August 21st, 2010 - 14:06 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1528 is a bit late this week, as I have been catching up after a holiday, but the Real audio version was available from 1705 UT Sept 2, and the mp3 version should be before 1800, via
<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

The first SW broadcasts should be:
1900 UT Thursday WBCQ 7415 [confirmed on webcast]
2100 UT Thursday WRMI 9955
0330 UT Friday WWRB 3185 [confirmed on broadcast]
1430 UT Friday WRMI 9955 [confirmed on webcast]
2030 UT Friday WWCR 15825
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Glenn: I was watching a new video posted on the WTWW site:
<http://www.wtww.us> showing a new TC418-D put into service or will be shortly. It came from The Seychelles according To George McClintock, owner. Enjoy this new video. 73's, (Noble West, TN, Brainman Media, Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

<http://wtww.us/pages/new-transmitter.php>
Under 4 minutes; audio and moreso video quite jerky when I play, but maybe it's a problem between YouTube and me (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 9265, WINB, Aug 25 at 1245, Brother Scare and another speaker, VP with CODAR, gone by 1300 (Glenn Hauser, NM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9370, WTJC, Sept 1 at 1315 preacher distorted but low modulation, often a symptom of louder spurs but none found, as fundamental was not very strong; by 1404 had problem from WWRB 9385 splash extending from 9360 to 9410.

Following yesterday's observation of distorted undermodulation, WTJC now missing from 9370, Sept 2 at 1233, 1317, 1747 chex (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still off Sept 3

** U S A. 7506.28v, very odd WRNO New Orleans, heavy pop mx, at 0225 UT, Aug 30, S=9+15dB. On Aug 31 at 0322 UT heavy pop mx again S=9+20dB. Strong NAM station at cross Atlantic night time slot these season again! (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 30/31)

** U S A. 11830 // 11910 WYFR, Sept 1 at 1358 once again filling with Clair de Lune on piano, but no QSY announcement, which we had logged two or three times as totally wrong; instead promo for some FR publication, and on to next show at 1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5985, unID Chinese music program, most probably mis-feed via YFR Okeechobee relay site. RTI CBSC Taiwan is regularly scheduled on 6875-then 6915 kHz instead at this slot 3-4 UT ...

Checked much strong 5985 kHz on Aug 31 at 0300-0400 UT again. Sure this is RTI CBSC Taipei in Mandarin via Okeechobee relay. Many IDs and mentioned Taiwan many times during newscast. S=9+10dB back lobe signal into Europe.

YFR scheduled on
6875 kHz at 2100-0100 to zone 16, 100kW 160degr,
6915 kHz at 0300-0500 to zone 11, 50kW 181degr.
(Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 30/31 via DXLD)

** U S A. Pirating With Cumbre Address? A few weeks ago I sent a reception report to Chris Lobdell of Pirating with Cumbre, using the address he gave on air (Pirating with Cumbre, P. O. Box 80146, Stoneham, Mass., 02180, USA). Today the letter was returned to me as "return to sender, attempted - not known, unable to forward." I also got no response from his piratingcumbre @ aol.com address. Does anyone in the group know what his address is? (Jon Pukila, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John, I got PWC QSL of December 2007 in 1 month after sending email report to that address (Tony Ashar, West Java - Indonesia, ibid.)

** U S A. Re: KTRU / tropo / DXLD 10-33: gh: "Geez, last time I heard KTRU, in the 70s from Von Ormy TX, IIRC, it was only 10 watts in a super Gulf-tropo opening. Sure has appreciated in value."

Glenn, if you check your archives you may find that I was the one who sent your KTRU QSL letter. I signed it as the (self-appointed) Verification Director. This prompted another inquiry from you, curious as to why a 10W FM station had such a staff position.

I'm not sure if I ever answered you, but the reason was: For fun! I was a high-school student volunteering at the station then.

Nota bene: KTRU's crusading manager at the time was Rice engineering student John Doerr, now a billionaire venture capitalist and funder of such ventures as Amazon and Google (Benn Kobb, AK4AV, Arlington VA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Benn, Just checked my FM QSL album, and yes, there is your verie letter! Small world. Hmmm, maybe John Doerr could step in and 'save' KTRU now. 73, (Glenn to Benn, via DXLD)

** U S A. Losing our FM --- Well, guys, we got some bad news today. Kent Frandsen, actual owner of our (lma'd) FM KNYN - Magic 99 is going away. Kent decided not to renew our lease (which we were having a hard time paying anyway) and is going to let someone else take it. So that leaves us like many other small markets. We will have one local station which will now be a stand-alone AM --- KEVA.

Format on KEVA has been classic country for several years. We're going to change that to try to appeal to a bigger group of people --- people who will still actually listen to an AM. We are planning on going to a classic hits (oldies) format. It's something that is not in the market at all. With all the signals coming in to this market of roughly 11000 people, it has made for a lot of competition. Back in the 90s when I first got here, it was a lot different. KEVA was adult contemporary and many many people listened. There was just KEVA and its companion FM at the time; FM was country.

In about 2003, the first 'humpy' rimshot went on the air. It's a peak about 30 miles south of here where they put a full power station up and then put numerous power boosters down in the Salt Lake metro. We now have 7 of those blasting their signals into Evanston. From Spanish to rock to CHR to Jack --- there's all kinds of choices. And they are all big city sounding, something we can't do. So you can see what we are up against. At least before we had an FM.

These days in a market like this it is going to be a struggle, to say the least, for an AM to compete. All I can say is local local local. We are going to have to give people something they cannot get anywhere else. Oldies and lots of localism. It will be neat to be able to hear 60s 70s and 80s in AM stereo. But the rest is pretty scary.

Format will be the Kool Gold format from Dial Global but we should have some live dayparts. So --- anyone else on the list in a similar situation in your market? What are you doing to stay afloat? I know a lot of us DO like and listen to AM, but what else can we do to get the average joe to listen to AM? (Michael n [Evanston] wyo Richard, Sent via DROID on Verizon Wireless, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. My trip log August 23-31 thru NW OK, NE NM, back thru TX and OK. Referencing the FM Atlas XXI, NRC AM Log 2010-2011, FCC Query info:

In four sections: FM, AM, TIS/HAR, and TV, then chrono order each, all times and dates strictly UT, u.o.s.:

FM:

Travelling west on US 412 from Enid OK to Clayton NM, Aug 23-24:

92.1, something in Spanish east of Woodward, assumed KMZE there, but FMA has it as rock format, nothing about Spanish. It's only 2.2 kW, not one of those full-powers on an ex-Class A 3 kW-limit channel. Surely we are too far from Enid's LPFM KAMG on 92.1 which is Spanish religion. Next check around 2215 UT, however, 92.1 was in English with sportstalk. Both KMZE??

89.5, KTOT Spearman TX, the full-power High Plains Public Radio relay (of KANZ 91.1 Garden City KS) was already heard well at Mooreland OK east of Woodward, where KGOU will soon put on its own relay on 88.1. KTOT had NPR ATC at 2215 UT.

97.9, KGNC-FM 97.9 Amarillo TX reaching east of Woodward with channel 7 weather at 2227.

Checking FM Atlas maps for Mooreland: 107.9 nothing; 104.5 something weak, not local. 89.1 with gospel rock, i.e. satellator of KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID; real call K206CI.

FM Atlas map for Woodward: all frequencies active except 88.1.

95.9, at 2300 surprised to hear NPR ATC. It's another relay of KCCU Lawton on the air since the last time I went thru, KZCU, never heard

in Enid due to KXLS 95.7. FMA says KZCU wants to move to Balko OK, which is considerably to the west in the eastern panhandle. (I assume this is because KGOU relay is pending on 88.1 and KZCU relay will then fill an area more in need of it.)

But what is its real transmitter site? 95.9 was still good at the US 283 junxion S of Laverne, but losing it toward Balko, and inaudible by the time we passed thru there at 2354. FCC shows site is on the other side of Woodward to its ESE:

<http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/FMTV-service-area?x=FM542962.html>

and there is no application or CP to move it to Balko. What KCCU really needs to do is get us a desperately needed local public radio transmitter in Enid, even if it's only a translator.

91.9, approaching the OK panhandle and Beaver county, at 2328, ``Gospel Greats`` program, 2330 multi-station ID starting with KPDR in Wheeler TX, including one in Amarillo, but none with 91.9 frequency. Closest listee in OK on 91.9 is KLXO in Beaver; FMA says only 1000 watts, horizontal only, and 15m HAAT. Unfortunately, neither reference makes it easy to tell what stations are related in a regional group or network, which is extremely important, determining programming and what is // to what.

By 2355 as we are going thru Balko, closer to Beaver, 91.9 is indeed stronger with ``Gospel Greats``, and ID as the ``Kingdom Keys Network``, ad for pregnancy center (= anti-abortion) in Amarillo, which has a 3-minute program at some other time of day. However, I now think this 91.9 was the KPDR translator in Perryton TX nearby right across the border, K220IZ.

Details on KKN here: <http://www.kingdomkeysradio.org/> including 4 main stations and several translators. I think KPDR in Wheeler was the original, later adding the much bigger market Amarillo; so does it now originate in Amarillo? P O Box mailing address is there, and a map puts office near I-27 in SW Amarillo.

90.1, E of Guymon with KJIL ID et al., including KNGM in Guymon, also heard on 88.9 direct with 25 kW. KJIL, a gospel huxter based in Kansas has lots of relays and translators also in CO, OK and TX. This 90.1 would also be in Perryton TX, K211CF.

91.1, E of Bryan's Corner OK, the US 83 junxion at 2359 with NPR, i.e. HPPR direct from KANZ Garden City, still stronger than its relay in Guymon KGUY 91.3 which is starting to show.

92.7, KKBS Guymon OK, at 0002 UT Aug 24, ``still local with more power`` also on 101.5 in Liberal KS; hard rock. Also saw billboard to this effect. 92.7 is 11 kW while KSMM on 101.5 is 100 kW ERP.

99.1, with Bible story, at 0006 // 88.9 and 90.1, therefore the original KJIL, 100 kW in Copeland KS.

106.1, KENW translator is still here from high atop Sierra Grande, COL Des Moines NM, and audible already west of Boise City OK on SH 325 at 1750 UT Aug 24. KENW, the public radio station from ENMU in Portales, with a beautiful-music format in the daytime, classical at night, plans to replace 106.1 with a higher-power 3 kW non-translator at same site on 88.5, KENU which will be impervious to being bumped off, but not heard yet.

93.5 is another KENW translator in the town of Clayton NM, but much lower power and tower, not audible until close-in, and in W OK, still getting something else on 93.5, probably KLMR in Lamar CO.

93.7, at 1846 on NM 406 at Moses NM, Spanish and English PSAs, and ID as Magic 93.7, Lubbock weather in English. FMA has this as KXTQ in Spanish with latin format.

105.3, KHOD, also on Sierra Grande, with COL Des Moines, but main (only?) studio in RatŮn, which has been hit by FCC fines for flouting the rules. I never got around to tuning in, but saw its office still in RatŮn next to the classic El Portal Hotel, where we were looking forward to staying again, but in the last two years it had a fire and is now closed. We couldn't see much fire damage from the outside, altho some of the windows were boarded up. It had quite a collecion of antiques in the lobby, and artwork around the hallways, some of which we are glad to have photographed in case they succumbed to the fire. Faulty electrical wiring allegedly caused it, and we are not that surprised.

90.5, new frequency of the KUNM Albuquerque translator for Eagle Nest, makes it almost to RatŮn on US 64, no longer clashing with the KRCC Colorado Springs translator in RatŮn on 91.1. Or is it still on? KRCC site http://www.krcc.org/about/index_stats.html does not list it, but instead 91.7 serving Trinidad CO and RatŮn NM, which is really KCCS, not a translator, from Starkville CO.

In the Moreno Valley around Angelfire NM (no relation to one of our websites), we could get some Albuquerque stations direct from Sandĭa Crest, including KANW 89.1 and KUNM 89.9. KUNM also via 90.5 Eagle Nest and 91.9 from somewhere: Taos is closest but low power and low tower on other side of mountains; Las Vegas also low power and further; EspaŮola maybe with 5.9 kW and a respectable 161.5 m AAT.

Altho we had not noticed it before, 91.7 had KRCC into Moreno, i.e. KCCS as mentioned above, jazz and KRCC ID at 1843 UT. On the US 64

road from Angelfire to Taos we were also getting KHFM 95.5 which is not really in Albuquerque and KSFR 101.1, not really in Santa Fe. While in Santa Fe we enjoyed a talk by Jim Hightower at a local bookstore as a fundraiser for KSFR. Among many other non-radio events.

Before leaving Santa Fe we looked for RDS displays on the DX-398 from ABQ/SF. Several stations with no RDS are omitted. Despite pegging signals, several of them were slow to display the RDS after the RDS icon appeared, and almost thought they were transmitted blank.

89.9, NPR_____ static; also barely visible via 91.9 Española
92.3, 92.3KRST alternating with COUNTRY
93.3, _KOB-FM_ (with a space on each side, here indicated by underscore, but plain space on the display), alternating with song info, and phone number 669-1010, for requests?
94.1, WWW.94RO / ROCK.COM alternating, overlapping fields
96.3, 96.3 / THE_MOUN / IN was all I saw, presumably meaning MOUNTAIN, scrolling to left
97.3, KISS_973_ scrolling left, one letter at a time
99.5, MAGIC_FM static = continuous
100.3, 100.3 / THE_PEAK
102.5, KIOT102.5 scrolling left alt song info, like IRON MAN
105.1, LA JEFA scrolling left alt song info, like AMANTES ESCONDIDOS
107.9, 107.9 / BIG I alternating, song info like SMILE

A strange thing as I was stepping up frequency from 89.9 KUNM --- on 90.1 the RDS window showed SANGEANA. Never noticed this before in OK or anywhere else, but must be an internal receiver-generated thingie. Back in Enid I see it is still doing that when listening to KCSC 90.1. One can also set up any display on any frequency, but I am sure I never did that on this Radio Shack DX-398 clone, not Sangean ATS-909.

91.1, KEDP Las Vegas, student station at NM Highlands University, presumed as just heard rock music, audible around Bernal exit of I-25, but it has some CCI as close to LV as the US 84 exit. Nothing very likely, but maybe medium power stations in Clovis or Belén. Wish I had time to find whoever at NMHU is responsible for all the FM CPs they have around the state, and what their programming plans are.

Eager to revisit my old home town of Santa Rosa, and check out its radio scene. 95.9 KSSR used to become audible on I-40 only within a few miles of SR, obviously lower power than listed from its favorable spot on the ridge east side of town. Glad I started checking soon after passing Apache Springs on US 84 from Las Vegas, at 1732 August 30, as KSSR was already inbooming. Now it's 50 kW ERP and covers Guadalupe county and beyond, later heard almost to Tucumcari eastward. Altho FCC listing at <http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/fmq?list=0&facid=84190> still shows licensed for 1.5 kW, only a CP for 50 kW.

It now merits a blue highway sign at the Guadalupe county line advising us to tune to 95.9 for weather info, or <http://www.kssrradio.com>

The website even has a listen live button: <mms://74.50.132.142:959/> -- but not working when I checked. At 1744 heard the ``KSSR Morning Show``, ID ``95.9 The Lion`` complete with roar. (Lions are the local highschool teams), mentioned wind turbines north of Pastura.

KSSR-FM is certainly not all-Spanish as shown by FM Atlas XXI, which also still lists 95.9 as KKJY, but FCC shows callsign history with begin dates, KSSR well after FMA was printed:

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| KSSR-FM | 07/13/2010 |
| KKJY | 03/03/2009 |
| KIVA | 10/29/2002 |
| KRSR | 11/21/1997 |
| KAWP | 08/01/1997 |

It's pretty clear that KSSR has given up on AM 1340, but it's still licensed per FCC: <http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/amq?list=0&facid=29504>

We visited the site and took some photos. The original KSSR building next door to the car museum has been refurbished with new siding, and now looks more like a residence. Beyond the tower and transmitter site to the east is the new KSSR building, both quite small.

<http://www.w4uvh.net/kssr1.jpg>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/kssr2.jpg>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/kssr3.jpg>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/kssr4.jpg>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/kssr5.jpg>

Besides KNLK on 91.9, which carries almost to Puerto de Luna, the ex-translator of KANW 89.1 Albuquerque, which gets plenty of exposure in IDs from HQ, the only other SR station on air is 103.1 LPFM carrying EWTN from Birmingham (English; any Spanish at all?), KSRL-LP. At 2249 it was radiating dead air for a while. [KSRL = Santa Rosa de Lima]

While there we also tried to hear 88.7 from Encino, which is west of Vaughn on US 285. FMA shows a KXNM there with 40 kW, but no sign of it, nor at earlier check from another close point, US 84 junxion with I-40 west of SR. FCC shows it as a CP owned by Torrance County from a site WNW of Encino. So unlikely gospel huxter; to be a community/county radio station?

Only weak signals audible in SR on 94.7 and 107.1, surely not the local translators listed of KFLQ and KBAC.

Other media news from Santa Rosa: since last we visited, the Santa Rosa News, a weekly, went out of business. It had been in a circulation war for a number of years with an upstart, The Guadalupe County Communicator, which now represents the Santa Rosa area. We skimmed thru a few months' weekly issues in the Moose Library, and never found any mention of the radio station, unlike the SR News which had lots of ads for KSSR, nor any mention of a website; but found one incipient by Googling: <http://www.guadalupecommunicator.com/>

Between Santa Rosa and Tucumcari we have a KENW translator on 90.7 in Montoya, and now in Tucum itself KENM 89.3, audible by mile 298, replacing 103.9 translator.

Crossing the TX panhandle:

99.7 at 0045 UT Aug 31, just into TX, Spanish music, tho FM Atlas has KBZD Amarillo as ``99.7 The Party``. Must be new format. 0100 heard ``99.7 Recuerdo`` jingle, and ID ``KBZD [only the letters pronounced in English], Amarillo, Recuerdo 99.7, una estaci n de Tejas Broadcasting``. Same owner as 1010 also Spanish, and 1310.

89.5, HPPR via KTOT Spearman TX, at 1759 Aug 31 with multi-station ID including KJJP in Amarillo (they also have KTXP in Bushland on 91.5, just west of AMA). While in the double-boot city, I had failed to look for KJJP which is on 105.7. HPPR translators also were on 91.3 and 94.9 in the AMA area, but did not hear them, no longer needed? FM Atlas XXI has KJJP on 105.7 on the map and the location listing, but ex-KAEZ in the frequency listing, an FMistake. HPPR announcement before 1800 said NY Philharmonic would be ``next``, but it was not: 1801 NPR News, 1806 syndicated Julie Amacher on Classical 24.

Since we were passing directly through Arnett and Vici [vigh-sigh, not wee-kee] OK on US 60, checked for the new stations in FM Atlas on 104.9, 97.7, but neither to be heard around 1811.

This afternoon we wanted to hear NPR talkshows, but HPPR was in classical, so found the former on 89.1, at 1814, Talk of the Nation, already VG, tho all the way from KYCU Clinton OK, 30 kW with nominal range of 55 km. Altho we were closest to that around Seiling, gospel huxter CCI was increasing, and at 1901, there was ``United News and Information`` which admits it is a slanted religious 'news' network at <http://uninews.com/uni/home.html> --- must be 92-watt K206CI in Mooreland, which we heard on the way out when passing thru there. By 1930 near Fairview, Jesus music has overtaken KYCU on 89.1, but now it's probably Enid's translator K206CA of Tulsa's KNYD 90.5. We used to be able barely to get KYCU in Enid, mixing with another public radio, KMUW Wichita, while K206CA was silent for a few years.

AM:

1440, W of Elmwood in the OK panhandle, Spanish here at 2349 UT Aug 23, with a fast SAH, maybe 15 Hz or so. We are closer to Amarillo's KPUR, but it's not Spanish per NRC AM Log, while KTNO in The Metroplex (COL University Park) is --- and it's 50 kW, favorable direxionally unlike the CO and KS 1440 stations. We also get KTNO in Enid, but it takes some skywave to kick it in.

1570, had Spanish at this time, 2350, already skywave from XERF; and at 2351, 1640 with Royals baseball, i.e. KFXV from back in Enid, departing from its Faith 1640 gospel music format.

670, KLTT Commerce City/Denver CO, the 50 kW daytime gospel huxter which barely makes it to Enid on groundwave, understandably stronger in northern NM, enough to tell that it is running IBOC, messing up 660 and 680, which I thankfully can't detect in Enid.

950, driving thru Española NM, KDCE was splattering some 50 kHz above and below, intolerable. But wait till we get to Santa Fe!

810, KSWV, is even filthier than KDCE, heavy splash 790-830, and audible as far as 900. We may have been close to the site on Cerillos Road, but it was the same all over the city, no excuse. August 30 at 1607 UT, KSWV splash was even audible on KKOB 770!

We also found a number of mixing products on the caradio:

1540 and 1120, leapfrog mixes of KTRC 1260 and KVSF 1400 (the two swapped calls a few years ago). They are on the same tower. 1540 mix also impossiblizes reception of second harmonic of KKOB 770 Albuquerque which we used to get in ABQ; and the co-channel night-only relay on 770 in Santa Fe may also harmonicize, much lower power, but much shorter range.

1620, 2 x 810 KSWV, with an ad in English at the moment, 1608 UT, not 100% SS.

1710, mix of 810 and 1260, both in English, 810 being the ``AM 810 News Center``; leapfrog 450 kHz away. Maybe there is another one at 360 kHz. KSWV is not at the same site as 1260/1400.

Daytime MW range on I-25 just N of Santa Fe extended to XEJUA 640 Ju-rez, KTSM 690 and KAMA-750 (Spanish) El Paso, KTNN 660 Window Rock, weaker KHAC 880 Window Rock.

580 Lubbock TX also has good range, heard in this area as well as in

the TX and OK Panhandles, once overcoming WIBW. NRC AM Log 2010-2011 shows KRFE with only 500 watts day, AC format, but I was hearing nostalgia music. The website <http://www.am580lubbock.com/> calls itself ``easy listening`` but mostly talkshows, and major lobe to the WNW.

On an excursion to Puerto de Luna, S of Santa Rosa, we were able to pull in the following in the daytime at 2106-2113 UT August 30:

1210, KGYN Guymon OK

1060, open carrier with whine, good strength. Must be KIJN, Farwell TX, 10 kW with Spanish religion. Someone back east was wondering whether this is on the air: yes, and no.

900, agritalk, must be KFLP Floydada TX, ``all ag, all day`` per NRC.

800, JBA something, but KSWV Santa Fe 810 splash a problem even here. I was expecting XEROK Ciudad Juarez, certainly not running any 150 kW as still listed by WRTH 2010. Could be KDDD Dumas TX which is now Spanish per NRC.

620, Disney music, all the way from Plano TX, KMKI which I also get in Enid, plus IBOC. See also 530 under TIS sexion.

570, when we were 19 minutes from TX at 0019 UT Aug 31, KSNM Las Cruces had a fast SAH and CCI, most likely from KLIF Dallas; and KRFE ACI.

830, looked for KMUL Farwell TX, Spanish, as we were closest along the border, but not heard, off the air?

1210, KGYN Guymon OK, after 0500 UT in Amarillo was very poor, with WOI IBOCQRM. KGYN must have really been direxional westward at night.

1310, KZIP Amarillo, we noticed accompanied by IBOC noise in the daytime, unlisted as such.

1550 is the shameful station in Amarillo, axually licensed to nearby Canyon, KZYK. NRC AM Log says ESPN Deportes, 1000 watts day, 219 night, 500 PSRA. Aug 31 at 0514 UT could hear some low-modulation Spanish music buried by rumbling noise, same at next check 1222. Could it be some QRMotel? No, still there everywhere on caradio; at 1336, I find that the rumble on 1550 spreads out 100 kHz above and below! Forget about hearing anything else in Amarillo on 1450-1650. Next check at 1456 as we are heading out of Amarillo to the NE on US 60, modulation has increased but distorted, so we can tell it is ESPN Deportes, and the noise blob has decreased to only 50 kHz above and below, probably only due to our increased distance from it.

1650, at 1506 UT when we are just east of the airport, hear a mix of KGNC 710 plus KIXZ 940, not at the same site.

640, WWLS Moore OK, reaches at least as far as Amarillo on daytime 5 kW groundwave, not too surprising as KGNC 710 does the same far into OK with 10 kW.

TIS/HAR observations:

1610 and 530, nothing heard around Santa Fe; 1610 used to be active.

1610, sign on I-25 by Pecos National Monument says tune to this frequency, but nothing heard.

On I-40 around Santa Rosa, the HARs on 1610 and 1680 are still on the air, long after reconstruction has been completed. 1680 first noticed around mile 260. 1610 was very good at the Colonias exit 267, but I had never found out their exact locations and never spotted likely antenna masts. A few years ago, the tagline was ``don't drink & drive --- arrive alive``. Now the two are relaying NWS weather robot; everywhere it's ``partly cloudy`` with exactly the same intonation. But 1610 is interrupted EVERY 42 seconds, and with less of a pause, 1680 every 40 seconds, for a YL message which says:

``The New Mexico Department of Transportation, District 4, welcomes you and your family to the Land of Enchantment. Seat belts save lives. Remember to buckle up and drive safely``.

These far too frequent interruptions make it just about impossible to follow the weather info. BUT --- altho the NWS relays are synchronized, the identical DOT spiels are not, so the interruptions come at different times. If you're lucky, as soon as one NWS is cut off, flip to the other frequency, back and forth.

NWS also gives MDT timechex on the hour and half hour. At 1905 UT Aug 24, ID as ``WXJ33, 162.550 for north central NM from Albuquerque``. This one really serves Santa Fe, altho it may be controlled from ABQ, but its official service area does not include Guadalupe County! So why is it relayed here? <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/Maps/PDF/WXJ33.pdf>

These two have pretty good range, both audible down to the end of the paved road past Puerto de Luna, some 12 miles south of Santa Rosa. Eastward on I-40, 1680 remained stronger than 1610, so 1680 must be further east. I could still hear them at mile 301.

FCC info reveals:

Callsign: WQEL629 Licensee: New Mexico, State of, DOT District 4

Radio Service: Public Safety Pool, Conventional (PW)
City: Las Vegas, NM Status: Active
Grant Date: 02/28/2006 Expiration: 02/28/2016

Site: 1 Address: I-40 @ Exit 273 City: Santa Rosa, NM County:
GUADALUPE Coordinates: 34 56' 42.6" N, 104 42' 22.2" W
Frequency: 1.61000000 V

Site: 2 Address: I-40 Exit 277 City: Santa Rosa, NM County:
GUADALUPE Coordinates: 34 56' 42.6" N, 104 38' 30.6" W
Frequency: 1.68000000 V

1610, east of Tucumcari, another NMDOT is heard around mile 347, but this one just runs the seat-belts notice, no NWS. Not found in FCC, searching Quay, nor neighboring Curry, Harding counties. Seems none of them feel any need to ID by call or location.

1670, we got off at the most westward I-40 exit to Tucum, and did not see any signs about this one, just ran across it when we were beyond Tucum to the east: A bit too early for WTDY, at 0014 UT Aug 31, and besides, it's a local loop, gist: take exit 332, for the Dinosaur Museum at Mesalands Community College, where there is now also a single wind power turbine dominating the town's skyline, apparently also housing ``the world's highest classroom``; and mentioned <http://www.mesalands.edu>

Nothing there about their radio station, but FCC search finds:

Callsign: WQIQ632 Licensee: Mesalands Community College
Radio Service: Public Safety Pool, Conventional (PW)
City: Tucumcari, NM Status: Active
Grant Date: 04/15/2008 Expiration: 04/15/2018

Site: 1 Address: I-40 off ramp Exit 332 City: Tucumcari, NM County:
QUAY Coordinates: 35 9' 2.4" N, 103 43' 41.0" W
Frequency: 1.67000000 V

530, generally not suitable for TIS/HAR in northern/eastern NM due to KNMX 540 Las Vegas, but as we were about to leave NM on I-40 E of Tucumcari, one became audible with the same NMDOT4 seat-belt notice as on 1610, and about same strength, no NWS. Probably San Jon or Glenrio. I also heard 530 with same loop earlier at Puerto de Luna, but can't be sure it was from same transmitter. Most, probably all of the old NM TIS loops with Ricardo Montalb n are long gone.

FCC search for 530 in Quay County:

Callsign: WNWU971 Licensee: NEW MEXICO, STATE OF Radio Service:

Public Safety Pool, Conventional (PW) City: ALBUQUERQUE, NM Status: Active Grant Date: 02/06/2002 Expiration: 05/06/2012
Site: 5 Address: 1 MI W RT 66 EASTBOUND City: SAN JUAN, NM County: QUAY Coordinates: 35 6' 39.2" N, 103 21' 22.8" W
Frequency: 0.53000000 V [It's San JON, not JUAN --- gh]

Callsign: WQEL629 Licensee: New Mexico, State of, DOT District 4
Radio Service: Public Safety Pool, Conventional (PW) City: Las Vegas, NM Status: Active Grant Date: 02/28/2006 Expiration: 02/28/2016
Site: 3 Address: I-40 @ Exit 329 City: Tucumcari, NM County: QUAY Coordinates: 35 8' 57.0" N, 103 46' 52.2" W
Frequency: 0.53000000 V [did not hear this one, but did I try?]

Amarillo still has VHF NWS YL robot relay on 1610, very useful. More cities should do it if a frequency like this be available. Becoming audible around the Channing exit 37 on I-40, long before a sign appeared about it at mile 60 on the west side of AMA. Strangely enough, FCC does not come up with any 1610 in Potter County.

TV:

Not in a position to tune off-air DTV, but on the motel TV in Santa Fe, noticed Albuquerque stations KOB-4 (RF 26, NBC) and KRQE-13 (RF 13, CBS) running rapid crawlers in fine white print across top screen near top of some hours, impossible to copy without taping and freezing, IDing all their translators --- are they all DTV now, or some still analog, mixed? Not stated. The usual callsigns K##XX with the channel (virtual?) number in the middle, except for one run by KRQE: WPNB264 in Apache Sprs. (Springs)!

What kind of translator is that? Not found in FCC TV Query, but searching the entire FCC site on the callsign we get one hit:

http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-246252A1.txt

Below is a listing of licenses that have been acted upon by the Commission. TT - TV Translator Relay

| Licensee Name | Action | Date | Call Sign | Act. |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|------|
| EMMIS TELEVISION LICENSE CORPORATION | 04/ 15/ 2004 | WPNB264 | M | |

Which is not very informative, not even giving the location or frequency, but apparently residents of Apache Springs are expected to get KRQE by tuning in directly to this relay transmitter. Wait a minute --- Emmis is not the licensee of KRQE!

We happened to pass directly thru Apache Springs later, which is a wide place in the road from Las Vegas to Santa Rosa. Only a few scattered domiciles were visible from US 84, and no unusual transmitting or receiving antennas.

The other major station, KOAT (RF 7, ABC), rolls, not scrolls a list of translators covering the lower right portion of the screen, just before 9 am local (Glenn Hauser, OK, NM and TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's a relatively old document, dating to 2004. Is it possible Emmis ~~was~~ the licensee of KRQE in 2004?

WPNB264 is ~~not~~ a translator. At least not from a legal standpoint. Look at the heading for that section of the 2004 document, above the listing for WLI976. These are "TV Translator Relay" stations. My understanding is their intent is to relay the signal of a primary station to one or more translators which will in turn relay it to the general public.

A translator cannot be used for the sole (or primary) purpose of relaying signals to other translators. See FCC reg 74.731(c) which states:

"The transmissions of each television broadcast translator station shall be intended for direct reception by the general public and any other use shall be incidental thereto. A television broadcast translator station shall not be operated solely for the purpose of relaying signals to one or more fixed receiving points for retransmission, distribution, or further relaying."

The Translator Relay service is for cases where a station needs to relay signals in a way not permitted by 74.731.

These stations fall into more or less the same class as studio-transmitter link stations and remote pickup stations. They're licensed by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, not the Media Bureau, and thus they don't show up in the CDBS database or the TV Query. You can, however, find their details elsewhere on the FCC website:

1. <http://wireless.fcc.gov>
2. Under "Licensing" on the right, click "License Search" (use the various links on this page to search by a variety of criteria)
3. Of course, type WPNB264 in the Call Sign box & click Search (The resulting page shows the licensee of WPNB264 is now LIN OF NEW MEXICO, LLC, which I presume is the current licensee of KRQE).
4. Click on the call letters for more details.

You probably want the "PATHS" tab. This shows:

- The coordinates of the transmitter. (35-24-15N/105-11-23W)
- The coordinates of the two receive sites. (34-59-07N/104-08-02W and 35-36-16N/105-15-37W) (the latter coordinates match those of KRQE translator K43FI-D in Las Vegas, NM. I can't find a match for the former coordinates but wonder if they're either a cable headend or

another Translator Relay station?

- The ERP on each heading, ~57 dB above 1 milliwatt. If my math is correct, 57 dBm is roughly 250 watts.
- The frequency. 710-716 MHz is Channel 54. [now out of core ñ gh]
- The emission designators. I'd have to do some looking up to determine exactly what 5M75C3F and 250KF3E mean but I can say with reasonable confidence both paths are licensed to transmit analog NTSC signals. F3E means FM; 250K(Hz) is the bandwidth of the FM signal (which is about right for TV sound); and 5M(Hz) is the bandwidth of the C3F (presumably, analog VSB) video signal.

In other words, the signals of WPNB264 should be receivable on channel 54 on an ordinary analog TV. From a technical standpoint, WPNB264 is indistinguishable from a translator -- but because its intent seems to be to relay KRQE's signals to K43FI, it must be licensed differently. -- (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, Sept 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IIRC, in the earlier days of translating, it was common for one to relay another and another and another off the air, and with normal callsigns, e.g. ch 48 in Medford OK with OETA, re-relayed by ch 30 in Alva OK, but 48 also served as translator for its own area, and feeding another not its only purpose. If the ch 13 pickup at Medford got overridden by tropo from KERA or something, that would also be seen on ch 30 Alva (Glenn Hauser, Enid, ibid.)

** URUGUAY. Este fin de semana aprovechando que estuve en Cuchilla Alta, llevÉ la nueva adquisiciÛn, la Tecsun PL-600 asÌ como la cl´sica DE-1103 con el objetivo de compararlas.

Una sorpresa esta mañana a eso de las 0900 locales [UT: 1200] fue encontrar nuevamente a la "no oficial" Emisora Chan·, de TacuarembÛ (unos 340 km al norte de Montevideo), operando en 5905 kHz, y llegando con señal regular y mucho fading. La estuve escuchando toda la mañana hasta pasado el mediodÌa [1500+ UT] cuando su frecuencia habÌa derivado hasta cerca de 5890 kHz.

Recordar·n que Chan· es una emisora comunitaria de FM de TacuarembÛ, que Horacio descubriÛ el verano pasado que adem·s tiene una emisiÛn en onda corta con muy poca potencia (creo que unos 60 watts era) y que fue escuchada en algunos lugares de Argentina y no sÈ si tambiÈn en Brasil. Bueno, sigue saliendo al aire al parecer con la misma programaciÛn de la FM y con la misma caracterÌstica deriva de frecuencia ya que su transmisor no es controlado a cristal. Realmente exÛtico.

Les comento por si alguien en la micro-regiÛn tiene ganas de intentar escucharla. En otro mensaje comentarÈ, si interesa, mi evaluaciÛn de

1a PL-600 73, (MoisÈs Knochen, Montevideo, Uruguay, ConexiÙn Digital
Aug 28 via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. Tashkent VOLMET, 10090, no data thank you QSL with
picture of Tashkent Intercontinental Hotel in 56 days for airmail
report and US \$2.00 return postage. V/s Renat Grenaderov,
Communication Leading Engineer-Inspector, grenad @ rambler.ru Address
used: 13 Lokomotivnaya Street Tashkent 100167.

Some people might regard the address, V/s and email data on the
utility stations to be overkill, but I know I always have a hell of a
time finding the information, so I pass it along in the hopes that
someone, someday may compile a utility QSL address book. I have yet to
find one. Besides that, if it helps someone else get a QSL, then the
extra bytes are worth it!

Many of the utility stations I hear are on frequencies not listed in
the 2009/2010 Klingenfuss book either. I am rather surprised at that,
since I was led to believe it was the latest and greatest list...
73s from Kabul (Al Muick, Aug 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN STATE. Radio Canada Intl-RCI Relay, 7230, 1707 GMT,
Chinese, 333, Aug 24, OM with comments plus some music in the
background, also piano music and YL singing 1725. // 7365[444],
7305[444], 9905[444] (Stewart MacKenzie, WDX6AA, Huntington Beach,
California, United States of America, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

This log is totally wrong. First of all there is no such transmission
on current schedules. Secondly, hearing Vatican at noon in California
in August on 7 MHz is highly unlikely. Thirdly, per Aoki, CNR1 from
Xian is scheduled on 7230 until 1735 --- not as a jammer, believe it
or not. Fourthly, all the //s make no sense for RCI or Vatican, but do
include CNR1 jammers. Yet Stew's logs are regularly quoted on DX
Partyline and/or AWR Wavescan --- including this? (Glenn Hauser, OK,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. NO HABR; "AL" PRESIDENTE" HASTA EL MES DE
OCTUBRE

En lugar del programa, el dĩa de maõana se transmitir el simulacro
nacional de votaciÙn que llevar a cabo el CNE asì como de los
partidos finales del IV Campeonato Mundial de BÈisbol Femenino.

EL UNIVERSAL s·bado 21 de agosto de 2010 01:07 PM

Caracas.- A fin de otorgar las "m·ximas garantìas de respeto" a las
normas establecidas por el CNE para la campaõa electoral
parlamentaria, el Ejecutivo Nacional decidiÙ suspender las transmisiÙn

del programa AlŮ Presidente hasta el mes de octubre.

La interrupciŮn iniciarŮ este domingo 22, cuando el programa ceda su espacio para la transmisiŮn televisiva de las actividades del simulacro nacional de votaciŮn que llevarŮ a cabo el Consejo Nacional Electoral (CNE), asŮ como los partidos finales del IV Campeonato Mundial de BŮisbol Femenino, informŮ la emisora radial YVKE Mundial.

Con el inicio de la campaŲa por las elecciones parlamentarias, el prŮximo miŮrcoles 25 de agosto, las emisiones del programa comprendidas en la Ůltima semana de agosto y todo el mes de septiembre, serŮn suspendidas tambiŮn para garantizar que se respeten las normas de propaganda establecidas por el CNE.

"AlŮ, Presidente" retomarŮ sus transmisiones con normalidad el prŮximo 3 de octubre, refiriŮ un comunicado del Ministerio del Poder Popular para la ComunicaciŮn e InformaciŮn, citado por la emisora. Fuente: <http://bit.ly/cr6quW> (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. Hi Glenn, Last evening, I tuned in toward the end of the English program Voice of Vietnam. At 0228, they played their Interval Signal, which I have heard several times before, but it seems each time I hear it, I am more mesmerized by the sounds. Do you know what instrument or instruments are played? It also appears that some sort of gong is used, which is an integral part of the instrumentation. Can you shed some light on it? I would like to see if it may be part of a collection of Vietnamese music which I could download or purchase as a CD. Thank for your input, Glenn. I have not been listening much of late; other obligations these past two weeks have kept me away from the dials. 73is, (Ed Insinger, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ed, I thought I knew the answer to this, but did not have a chance to monitor it at 0228 until tonight.

This music which plays for 2 or 3 minutes has nothing to do with Vietnam or the Voice of Vietnam. It is a fill music loop (interval signal?) put in by VT Communications, probably from London master control, not only on this relay but the same also heard at various other times on other frequencies. Sometimes it goes on for a long time when a feed source is lost, e.g. something via South Africa.

The VOV broadcasts always run short so in it goes. I have heard it numerous times at 0527-0530 on 6175, just before closing the western NAM repeat of VOV. I think it runs every night (Glenn to Ed, via DXLD)

Thanks, Glenn. Yes, I have notice that this music appears when VOV

ends abruptly too. Just for fun, I will send an e-mail to VT Communications and ask about this music. They do not verify reports, so I am not sure if they will answer my inquiry, but I'll give it a try anyway. I'll let you know if any response is forthcoming, Glenn. 73is, (Ed Insinger, ibid.)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 6297, Polisario Front, Rabouni, near Tindouf, ALGERIA, has been regular here, but the transmitter is often "stuck" with an empty carrier, or then it's off, or carries nothing but the sort of noise sound that seems to be their "IS" prior to the start of the programming. Whenever there is no audio, or noise is what's heard, then their current parallel of 700 MF exhibits the same; this less known frequency is being used since 01 Aug'10. Their other outlet, 1550 MF, is still off. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, Aug 25, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALGERIA: 6297.05, Radio Liberte Saharai Democratique (presumed); 2143, 25-Aug; M commentary in Arabic. SI0=252-. Appears to be dropping in frequency (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6297, CLANDESTINE (Western Sahara). Radio Nacional de la R.A.S.D., 2251-0020 Aug 25. Vocals until 3 time pips at 2300 followed by ID and news in Arabic. Music features followed by discussion program. ID and frequency announcement at 2354 followed by orchestra national anthem seemingly into Spanish program. Tuned away but they were gone at 0034 re-check. Good for the most part deteriorating to fair by tune out (Rich D'Angelo, 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing , PA 19610, U.S.A., Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Window, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

ARGELIA, 6297.1, Radio Nacional de la Republica Arabe Saharaui, *0632-0645, 29-08, inicio a las 0632, canciones en liberte, locutora, comentarios en liberte, menciona "Ramadan". 45444 (Manuel Mendez, Lugo, España, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cland, 6297.06, National Radio of Sahara AD, 0745-0800 Aug 30. The WRTH says this is coming from Rabouni, Algeria. Noted political type speeches by a female and other comments by a male in Arabic. Near the end of the hour, popular music was presented. Signal was fair. On the hour ID followed by National Anthem type music then off the air (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6297, SASASAM, Sept 1 at 0617 fair with music (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD

OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. Domenica 22 agosto 2010, 0932 - 9780.16 kHz, YEMEN RTV - Sana'a, Arabic, talk YL e musica locale. Segnale sufficiente-buono. A quest'ora irregolare (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Re 1580 Spanish mystery: Good morning, Glenn. I finally had the opportunity to check 1580 yesterday morning for the mystery Spanish station you've been following. I phase nulled my semi-local KZLI 1570 (67 degrees from my home and assuming a cardioid pattern remained) reception favored NW counter-clockwise thru SE. The Spanish was best with KZLI nulled but also audible with difficulty in KZLI splatter with the phaser out of line. I recorded most of the hour between 1302-1400 UT 8/28/10.

Spanish noted weakly at 1302 tune/in. I heard the "La Zona" reference you mentioned recently at 1320 during what sounded like an ad string based on cadence and tone of announcer. Best signal strength around 1320 and 1340 but definitely audible the entire hour. My Spanish is very limited to "radio" Spanish (i.e. Esta es XE... and watts de potencia at TOH and recognizing the Mexican NA) so couldn't tell you program content or details.

I did some more "googling" this AM and found this:
<http://www.bridgingthegapconsultinginc.com/Release.pdf>

The relevant information is in the last paragraph. Hope this helps. I'll try to check 1580 next Saturday if I have the chance. 73, (Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa, OK, R8, Quantum Phaser, 2 50-foot wires, Aug 29, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

[LA ZONA DEPORTIVA logo]

For Immediate Release Contact: Leo Cruz 479-466-2211

Bridging the Gap Consulting, Inc. a marketing and advertising company focusing in assisting businesses in reaching the ever-growing Hispanic market is proud to announce the launch of the all-Spanish local sports website: <http://www.lazonadeportiva.com>

This is dedicated to the local sporting news and events that feature Latino athletes. La Zona Deportiva will be supported by three Spanish radio stations that are in Northwest Arkansas, Ft Smith River Valley and Central Arkansas. We will have highlights, latest news and a community photo gallery featuring our young Latino youths in sports.

Coming in April every Saturday from 8am to 10am, La Zona Deportiva will launch an all-Spanish live sports talk show on the following

Spanish radio stations: La Pantera 1440 AM in central Arkansas, ESPN Deportes 1580 AM in Ft Smith and the River Valley and Las Mas Mexicana 1140 AM in Northwest Arkansas.

Bridging The Gap Consulting, Inc.

<http://www.bridgingthegapconsultinginc.com>

(via Bruce Winkelman, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

Tnx, Bruce! So solved at last, KHGG in Fort Smith AR! It's my second-closest 1580 after KOKB, and with KGAF Gainesville TX ruled out, a prime suspect --- but never found anything about KHGG switching to a bit of Spanish Saturday mornings only, on their own website --- and there are two other AR frequencies doing it too. KOKB 1580 Blackwell OK was in OC again on Sept 2, overmodulating again Sept 3, but I no longer need to chase the Spanish (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. In Metro Vancouver, BC noticed a strong open carrier on 4940 ~0225Z Sat 28 Aug. It cut off after a minute or so, then resumed several minutes later for a couple of minutes and off again. That pattern was repeated till it came back on ~0250Z and remained on till ~0310. I lost interest after that. Signal was peaking S9/S9+10 on the Eton E1, which was much the same as 4840/5000/5040/5050; but interestingly, there was no sign of Rebelde on 5025. Local sunset was ~0305Z. I'll keep an ear or two open (local) Saturday evening. 73, (Theo Donnelly, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Sometimes these carriers in utility bands turn out to be RTTY transmitters, becoming obvious with BFO switched on (gh, DXLD)

Well, on 29 Aug, I was about to give up when I noticed the carrier was there at 0350Z. It disappeared at 0355 and didn't re-appear. Rebelde was back on 5025, though they stopped programming as far as I could tell at 0300 with the carrier still going strong at 0415 at my last check. So there was no resolution about 4940. TD (Donnelly, ODXA yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6043, approx., carrier causing weak het against KBS 6045 via Sackville, Sept 1 at 0620. Normally KBS is hetless; a Latin American variant? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7270, Aug 25 at 1327, vocal music, and flutter, or is it a fast SAH? Not too much QRham, 1328 sounds like Malay, 1330 no timesignal, still talking, then into music; 1338 loses to QRham. I would like to think this was Wai FM, MALAYSIA, but PBS Nei Menggu and AIR Chennai in Sinhala are also scheduled (Glenn Hauser, NM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9885, Sept 1 around 1310 open carrier. Likely VOA

Greenville still on after Spanish until 1300; recheck 1342 still/again
OC but off at 1343* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Cyprus ? radar 15778 to 15801 kHz, Radar signal S=9+10dB
in Germany. 1211 UT Aug 23 (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

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NEW SITE FOR NDXC AUDIO FILES

The Nagoya DXers Circle's audio files of old recordings of SW  
stations, including lots of old tuning signals and ID's from the  
Soviet era, China, US mediumwave, and also some stations that are no  
longer on the air (I like the recording of Radio Finland from the late  
80's, which include Japanese ID's...), are now at a new URL:  
<http://users.onwire.org/dxing>  
(Joe Hanlon, NJ, Aug 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SHORTWAVE MUSIC

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DAZZLE SHIPS

[Re 10-34, KRAFTWERK]

Those who somehow just discovered Kraftwerk's "Radio-Activity" album  
after 35 years should at least discover Orchestral Manoeuvres in the  
Dark's "Dazzle Ships" album a mere 27 years after release:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dazzle\\_Ships\\_%28album%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dazzle_Ships_%28album%29)  
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBC RADIO 3 - MORSE AND MUSIC --- September 1, 2010

The BBC Proms concert on Monday, August 30, now on the web, featured a  
piece called PK, inspired by the Marconi telegraph station at  
Porthcurno.

Local composer Graham Fitkin has been so intrigued by the history of  
the telegraph at Porthcurno, that he has used it as inspiration for  
his latest piece of music which was performed at the Proms in the  
Royal Albert Hall on August 30.

The piece was composed following research at the Porthcurno Telegraph  
Museum, and is entitled PK which is the code name given to the

Porthcurno telegraph station, and uses morse code as a starting point.

The telegraph used undersea cables to transmit morse code messages around the world, and at the height of its importance, in the late 19th century, Porthcurno, although extremely remote, had the largest and most important cable station in the world. Morse code, with its dots and dashes, was used for transmitting the messages as short and long pulses.

Graham has used this code in the form of short and long notes, and the rhythm which stands for the letters P and K, .--. -.- is used throughout the work.

The broadcast took place between 7 and 9 pm on August 30 and is available online this week at  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms/2010/whatson/3008.shtml>  
Click on Listen to Part 1. The 10 minute PK comes at the end of the first half about 36 minutes into the recording.

Porthcurno telegraph Museum press release  
[http://www.porthcurno-telegraph-museum.org.uk/userfiles/press\\_releases/2010/pr\\_pK\\_-\\_the\\_proms.pdf](http://www.porthcurno-telegraph-museum.org.uk/userfiles/press_releases/2010/pr_pK_-_the_proms.pdf)

(Southgate  
[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/september2010/morse\\_and\\_music.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/september2010/morse_and_music.htm)  
via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

It may well also have a repeat, Mike, as many of the Proms are. Check <http://www.radiotimes.com> or see the magazine, for details (Mark Savage, bdxkuk yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See also AUSTRALIA; BRAZIL; CZECHIA;  
+++++ GERMANY; NEW ZEALAND; PORTUGAL; RUSSIA

DRM: verso un flop?

Grazie al calcolo effettuato da Giovanni Lorenzi, uno dei pochi dxei italiani a seguire il DRM come "fenomeno" radiofonico, ecco un calcolo dei minuti di trasmissione diffusi con questo sistema negli ultimi due anni --- una nuova tecnologia che invece di incrementare va indietro come un gambero:

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MINUTI DI TRASMISSIONE DELLE STAZIONI IN DRM DIGITAL RADIO MONDIALE

DATA - MINUTI DI TRASMISSIONE

08/09/2008 - 39.420  
07/09/2009 - 40.529  
09/11/2009 - 39.371  
23/03/2010 - 37.098  
16/04/2010 - 36.585  
12/05/2010 - 29.508

(Via Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, Aug 16, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

## DIGITAL FOR AM BAND? MAYBEÖ

Posted by Ted under Business, Happenings, IBOC, Technical  
<http://amband.org/tag/digital-radio-mondiale/> Wed 1 Sep 2010

All India Radio tested the AM single channel Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) simulcast system on a 100 kW transmitter last year. Unlike the DRM simulcast system that was tested around 2002 which used two adjacent channels, which clearly would not work in the USA, this system used operates on a single channel using an ingenious method of squeezing the digital carriers completely within a +/- 5 kHz channel!

This means that the DRM simulcast signal will occupy LESS bandwidth than a normal AM 10 kHz analog signal. Good-bye first adjacent channel hash! The DRM signal described in US Patent 7170950.

The technique starts by bandlimiting the analog signal to 5 kHz and forming it into a modulation that has the structure of Leonard Kahn's incompatible single sideband from the early sixties. The big difference is that today we can use a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) to perform the job that Leonard's analog gear could never quite get right and stay in alignment. The DSP can also learn the transmitter distortions and compensate for them. The DRM signal is a high level OFDM spectrum of the same magnitude as the average analog modulation (not some little trashy signal on your neighbor's front porch) that is placed in the unoccupied sideband.

The OFDM signal will interfere with the analog sideband, you say! Here comes the elegant part - A mirror image of the digital signal is placed under the analog sideband. This signal, when received by an envelope detector, will cancel out the OFDM signal in the other sideband!

Apparently, the tests in India went well, with the analog signal receiving no apparent self-interference, and the digital signal having somewhat more range than the analog signal. On the face of it, the analog signal should perform similarly to a well adjusted Powerside A facility. Remember, compatible single sideband does not intrinsically decrease modulation power, as the total amount of power is doubled in the one sideband. Regular transmitters will not be able to produce the

same analog power in a combined modulation scheme because the ODFM sideband power must be included in the peak power that the transmitter develops.

Important considerations of this system:

- \* Intrinsically single channel ñ digital sidebands stay within assigned channel
- \* No adjacent channel interference
- \* Digital signal range exceeds analog range for single digital program
- \* ODFM carrier strength is high, providing lots of data capacity in a narrow bandwidth
- \* Analog reception works fine with a conventional envelope detector
- \* Decoding the digital signal is very simple in a non-fading environment.
- \* A Zero-IF receiver with a sound card class Analog to Digital converter and slow DSP will be able to decode simulcast DRM.
- \* Cheap digital receiver with potentially only two chips and no ceramic filters.
- \* Low power battery powered radios are practical
- \* Probably will work with 8 ñ 10 kHz analog audio in the US
- \* Current class of DSP digital transmitters may be reprogrammed to transmit this signal.
- \* Should work will in Single Frequency Networks.

I am surprised that this development has not been publicized here, as this promises to be the first truly workable analog-digital broadcasting system for the AM band. AM broadcasters have been left out in the cold, with no battery powered medium wave digital radios. This technology might just be the solution.

I find this news heartening, seeing the slow to non-existence of growth in AM HD. Perhaps a little competition on the technical field will help AM broadcasters to have a stake in the future (via Alokesh Gupta, dx\_india yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also OKLAHOMA; USA gh travelog  
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Re: [Tvfmdx] WSYX-6 to drop ch. 13 \*\*tomorrow\*\*

Is the long-term goal to move all DTV to UHF? (Robert Timmerman, WTFDA via DXLD)

No. To be more specific: The FCC's Broadband Plan would rather move all DTV to \*VHF\* (but acknowledges that's not possible. They do want to discourage stations from moving from VHF to UHF.) Many stations

have moved and/or wish to move, but many others don't (Doug Smith W9WI Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

Many stations are trying to get out of VHF while they can. VHF DTV has been less than stellar compared to UHF. A reversal of fortune from the analog era. Given that the FCC will likely try to repack the TV frequencies getting a good "roost" is important to broadcasters for their own signals and to lease out to others should the bands be auctioned off further (just my 2 cents worth, BTW). (Fritze H Prentice, Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, ibid.)

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WINRADIO EXCALIBUR vs MICROTELECOM PERSEUS

Nils, DK8OK has a side by side comparison of the new Winradio Excalibur and Microtelecom Perseus here:  
[http://web.me.com/nils.schiffhauer/iDX/Hard\\_%26\\_Soft/Eintr%C3%A4ge/2010/6/25\\_Winradio%E2%80%98s\\_Excalibur.html](http://web.me.com/nils.schiffhauer/iDX/Hard_%26_Soft/Eintr%C3%A4ge/2010/6/25_Winradio%E2%80%98s_Excalibur.html)  
(Chuck Rippel, Chesapeake, VA, Aug 24, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

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MASSIVE SOLAR STORM TO HIT EARTH IN 2012 WITH 'FORCE OF 100M BOMBS'

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Melbourne, Aug 26 (ANI): Astronomers are predicting that a massive solar storm, much bigger in potential than the one that caused spectacular light shows on Earth earlier this month, is to strike our planet in 2012 with a force of 100 million hydrogen bombs.

Several US media outlets have reported that NASA was warning the massive flare this month was just a precursor to a massive solar storm building that had the potential to wipe out the entire planet's power grid.

Despite its rebuttal, NASA's been watching out for this storm since 2006 and reports from the US this week claim the storms could hit on that most Hollywood of disaster dates - 2012.

Similar storms back in 1859 and 1921 caused worldwide chaos, wiping out telegraph wires on a massive scale. The 2012 storm has the

potential to be even more disruptive.

"The general consensus among general astronomers (and certainly solar astronomers) is that this coming Solar maximum (2012 but possibly later into 2013) will be the most violent in 100 years," News.com.au quoted astronomy lecturer and columnist Dave Reneke as saying.

"A bold statement and one taken seriously by those it will affect most, namely airline companies, communications companies and anyone working with modern GPS systems.

"They can even trip circuit breakers and knock out orbiting satellites, as has already been done this year," added Reneke.

No one really knows what effect the 2012-2013 Solar Max will have on today's digital-reliant society.

Dr Richard Fisher, director of NASA's Heliophysics division, told Reneke the super storm would hit like "a bolt of lightning", causing catastrophic consequences for the world's health, emergency services and national security unless precautions are taken.

NASA said that a recent report by the National Academy of Sciences found that if a similar storm occurred today, it could cause "1 to 2 trillion dollars in damages to society's high-tech infrastructure and require four to 10 years for complete recovery".

The reason for the concern comes as the sun enters a phase known as Solar Cycle 24. Most experts agree, although those who put the date of Solar Max in 2012 are getting the most press.

They claim satellites will be aged by 50 years, rendering GPS even more useless than ever, and the blast will have the equivalent energy of 100 million hydrogen bombs.

"We know it is coming but we don't know how bad it is going to be," Fisher told Reneke. "Systems will just not work. The flares change the magnetic field on the Earth and it's rapid, just like a lightning bolt. That's the solar effect," he added.

The findings are published in the most recent issue of Australasian Science.

[http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20100826/981/tsc-massive-solar-storm-to-hit-earth-in\\_1.html](http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20100826/981/tsc-massive-solar-storm-to-hit-earth-in_1.html)

(via Noble West, DXLD yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1528, DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to minor storm levels,

with periods of major to severe conditions at high latitudes, due to a recurrent coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS). Mostly quiet levels prevailed on 23 August except for the last period when active conditions occurred. Solar wind observations from the ACE spacecraft showed an enhanced interplanetary field (IMF) intensity (peak 22 nT at 23/2241Z) combined with intermittent periods of southward IMF Bz (maximum deflection -14 nT at 24/0109Z) with an increase in velocities from 358 km/s to 709 km/s. Quiet to active levels, with minor to severe storming at high latitudes occurred on 24 August. Quiet to minor storm conditions, with isolated major storm levels at high latitudes was observed on 25 August. Quiet to active levels, with minor to major storm conditions at high latitudes, were present on 26-27 August. Mostly quiet levels returned on 28-29 August as the CH HSS declined.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 01 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2010

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels. Very low to low levels are possible through 15 September as Region 1098 and 1099 return to the front of the solar disk.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels from 01-12 September. Normal to moderate levels are expected for 13-24 September. High levels are expected to return for 25 September to the remainder of the period due to a recurrent CH HSS.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be predominantly quiet for 01-18 September. Quiet to unsettled, with isolated active conditions are expected for 19-22 September due to a recurrent CH HSS. Quiet levels should prevail for 22 September through the remainder of the forecast period.

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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#### TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING (?)

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"Why of course the people don't want war. Why should some poor slob on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece? Naturally the common people don't want war: neither in Russia, nor in England, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the peacemakers for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country." - Hermann Goering, Hitler's #2 Man (via Al Muick, Afghanistan, DXLD) ###